

**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016**

Table of Recommendations

No	Item	Summary of key Recommendations
2	Declarations of Interest	<i>Councillor McLean – Agenda Item 19 Notice of Motion regarding ownership Edward Street Social Centre Councillor Douglas – Item 5 Christmas Festivities. Member of Burnfoot Community Group</i>
3	Order of Business	<i>Agreed to change order of business and discuss Agenda Item 19 Notice of Motion</i>
4	Notice of Motion – Ownership of Edward Street Social Centre	<i>Agreed to defer for further legal opinion</i>
5	Minutes – 13 September 2016	<i>Confirmed at Council Meeting held 27 September 2016</i>
6	Flowerfield Residuary Inheritance	<i>Agreed</i>
7	Christmas Festivities	<i>To include Garvagh and Kilrea in the schedule of activities</i>
8	Mountsandel Bluepriint for Development	<i>Complete Stage 1 Outline Business Case activities</i>
9	Garvagh Mountain Bike Trails Progress	<i>Complete Stage 1 Outline Business Case activities</i>
10	Grant Funding Policy for 2017/18	<i>Grant Funding Policy subject to adding into Policy that groups could get review/feedback on applications if required</i>

11	Strategic Framework for Community Centre Provision	<i>Information</i>
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13	Ballymoney Museum Options Update	<i>Information</i>
14	Update on Culture, Arts & Heritage Grant Programme	<i>Information</i>
15	Welfare Reform Advice Monies	<i>Information</i>
16	Ballycastle Sport and Leisure Facilities Update	<i>Information</i>
17	Verbal Update on Portrush Consultation Evening	<i>a) Capture contact information b) Consider the opportunity for open forum discussion</i>
18	Dunluce Centre Bid Evaluation	<i>Approve the appointment of HWM Properties Ltd as the preferred Bidder</i>
19	Correspondence	<i>Party Leads to discuss nominations to Community Groups and bring back information to Council through the Corporate Policy and Resource Committee</i>
20	Consultations	<i>None</i>
21	Any Other Relevant Business	<i>None</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF
THE LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016 AT 7:00 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor Boyd Douglas
- Members Present** : Aldermen – Hillis and Hickey
Councillors – Clarke, Deighan, Holmes, Knight-
McQuillan, McCandless, McCorkell, McKillop, MA,
McLean, Mulholland, Nicholl, Stevenson and Wilson
- Non Members Present** : Councillor Duddy
- Officers Present** : R Baker, Director, Leisure & Development
J Gray, Strategic Programme and Projects Manager
W McCullough, Head of Leisure, Wellbeing & Sport
P Thompson, Head of Tourism & Recreation
J Welsh, Head of Community & Culture
D Hunter, Council Solicitor
M Edgar, Cultural Services Manager
L Scullion, Community Development Manager
E McCaul, Committee & Member Services
- In Attendance** : S Noble, Outdoor Recreation NI
Press (2 no.)
Public (5 no.)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillor C McShane.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor McLean – Agenda (Item 16) Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Wilson, Seconded by Alderman McKeown on Edward Street Social Centre in Ballymoney. Trustee of the Independent Loyal Orange Institution who have declared an interest in the Social Centre should it go on the market.
- Councillor Douglas – Agenda (Item 5) Christmas Festivities. Member of Burnfoot Community Association who applies for a grant from Council to host Christmas festivities.

3 ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was agreed to change the order of business to discuss Agenda Item 19 Notice of Motion at the start of the meeting.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor McCorkell
Seconded by Councillor McKillop and

AGREED - that the committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Committee'.

4 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR WILSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McKEOWN

"Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council notes the current ambiguous status of the Edward Street Social Centre and the resultant concern caused to the Evergreen Club and Gateway Club.

The Centre was originally founded by the late Mollie Holmes as a social centre over 30 years ago for all of the people of Ballymoney and the wider area to enjoy. It now forms an integral part of Ballymoney's infrastructure and accommodates not only the Evergreen Club and the Gateway club, but various other community groups and organisations who greatly benefit from, and rely on the facility. Council also notes that aside from the ownership issue, the Edward Street Social Centre fell into a state of disrepair under the stewardship of the legacy Council. In addition the legacy council's business case around the refurbishment works should be set aside.

We call upon Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to take ownership of Edward Street Social Centre in Ballymoney, as originally intended, and to refurbish the building to create a community centre at the heart of the town for all to enjoy. In doing to CCGBC should carry out a new business case and negotiate the removal of the existing restrictive covenants. Whilst this process is ongoing users may continue to use the centre as normal"

On the advice of Council Solicitor the Committee agreed to defer discussion on the notice of motion until further legal opinion was obtained.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Mullholland and

AGREED - that the committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Public.

5 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2016

The Chair advised the minutes of the meeting were adopted at the 27 September Council meeting.

6 FLOWERFIELD RESIDUARY INHERITANCE

The Leisure and Development committee received a report to inform Council of the residuary inheritance gifted to Flowerfield Arts Centre by the late John Onslow Springhall and recommendations on how to proceed.

The Committee were informed that Flowerfield Arts Centre had received correspondence from solicitors executing the estate of the Mr Springhall which stated that the centre would be a beneficiary of a 15% share in his residuary estate.

Mr Springhall was an ardent patron of Flowerfield Arts Centre since it opened 36 years ago and was particularly interested in the jazz concerts performed within the centre.

It was confirmed that Council had subsequently received a payment of £94,500 as an interim distribution to the residuary beneficiaries, in this case Flowerfield Arts Centre, with a final undisclosed sum to be released once the estate is in a position to make a final distribution.

It was noted that the inheritance was subject to the following provisions:

'As to fifteen (15) of them for the Flowerfield Arts Centre of 185 Coleraine Road, Portstewart, County Londonderry, BT55 7HU and I DIRECT that this residuary inheritance should be applied towards the teaching of arts and crafts at the centre.'

The Committee were advised that Council had committed, within the Culture, Arts & Heritage's action plan for 2016/17 to *'Enhance Cultural Values and Assets' as an operational action to 'maximise income generation and develop business models to increase sustainability, access and participation.'*

Staff would be undertaking a review of current operating models of Council's Arts centres, with a view to developing fresh approaches to the service, uses of assets to create new revenue, thus creating fresh assets. The process will include analysis of the overall market to identify amongst other aspects, its commercial potential.

Officers would therefore, recommend that no immediate plans are put in place for the inheritance but rather that options are developed within the context of the review and the proposed plan that is developed as a result. The inheritance sum would support the sustainability and growth of Council's art centres and may include the teaching of arts and crafts.

Proposed by Alderman Hickey
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

AGREED - as recommended

- a) As an interim measure, staff co-ordinate, through the mayoral office, an appropriate public relations activity, to acknowledge and thank the trustees and executors of the will of Mr John Onslow Springhall for his most generous donation to further education within Flowerfield Arts Centre.
- b) That Council hold the full sum of the inheritance until such times as the above review process and resulting options for the development of the centres and the range of activities therein, have been completed and presented to Council for consideration.
- c) That Council commits that the residuary inheritance will be solely apportioned to activities as per the provisions within Mr Springhall's will.

7 CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

The Committee received a report to present proposals for Council led Christmas event activities across the Borough and outline options for Members consideration.

In October 2015 the Leisure and Development Committee decided to replicate the Christmas provision from 2014 and as part of this include a contribution of £250 to smaller villages and hamlets in the Limavady area as part of the legacy Council arrangements. In addition it was agreed that the opportunity to broaden the contribution would be explored previously afforded to the Limavady Council area.

The Tourism & Recreation Events Team in 2015 delivered a number of festive 'switch on's' and associated events across the Causeway Coast and Glens area at a total cost of £25,000. With the formation of the new Council, there has been an increasing demand on staffing and budget resources on Council's Tourism and Recreation Events Team.

With this in mind, officers suggested that Council targets its efforts on a number of quality events spatially located to allow access to residents within a maximum 30 minute travelling distance to a Christmas event.

The Committee reviewed 3 options as detailed in the report for activities and associated costs to be delivered across the main towns within the Borough which had a population in excess of 2500 residents.

The Committee also reviewed 2 options (A and B) for activities and associated costs to be delivered across settlements which had a population under 2500 residents.

It was recommended that - the Leisure and Development committee are asked to consider the options presented and make a determination for the preferred level of activity for Christmas festivities across the Council's settlements in 2016.

Switch on festivities/Santa Event

- Consider the options given and determine the preference for switch on/festivities/Santa events as outlined in options either 1, 2 or 3.

Funding contribution of £250

- Consider options given and determine the preference for funding settlements that fall outside options 1-3. Therefore option A or B.

The following points were made:

- No provision was made for festivities in the rural hinterland in Bann District Electoral Area
- Using NISRA figures on population numbers was called into question
- There was a need to engage with Community Associations who often organise Christmas events
- The work carried out by officers was commended
- The Christmas festivities should be looked at earlier for 2017.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Alderman Hillis and

AGREED – Option 3, deliver a schedule of activities in Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Coleraine, Dungiven, Limavady, Portstewart and Portrush.

AGREED – To include Garvagh and Kilrea in the schedule of activities

AGREED – Option B, Christmas festivities grants to be opened.

8 MOUNTSANDEL BLUEPRINT FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Committee received a report to seek Council's approval to undertake Stage 1 activities (Scoping, Feasibility & Outline Business Case – 1% of total project costs) in relation to the work currently ongoing to assess the potential future use of the Mountsandel woodland and the surrounding public amenity on both banks of the River Bann.

The Committee were reminded that in November 2015 officers presented a report outlining the work that had taken place on assessing the potential of the Mountsandel location, along with the surrounding amenity, with officers wishing to produce a document assessing the potential for development for the wider Mountsandel Experience.

The document 'The Blueprint for Mountsandel' previously circulated looks at the wider study area, assesses issues and potential options for development and promotion of the Mountsandel Experience; including the adjacent land on the Western bank of the Lower Bann. The document was developed by officers through a consultation process with statutory bodies, local community, the Coleraine Rotary Club and Professor Peter Woodham of University College Cork.

A summary of the document was presented to the Committee, which set out Blueprint Study Area, the historical understanding of Mountsandel, conclusion of analysis, blueprint projects, proposed vision to help create the Mountsandel experience.

Member's views were sought on further investigation requirements to assess costs and benefits of potential development of the area under the following strategic areas:

- Improved public realm, facilities and natural amenity for the citizens of the area.
- An educational resource for all.
- Development of our tourism infrastructure, visitor economy and the regeneration of the area.

Proposed by Councillor McCandless
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

AGREED – as recommended that Members approve for officers to complete Stage 1 Outline Business Case activities.

9 GARVAGH MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS PROGRESS

The Committee received a presentation and considered a report to seek Council's approval to complete the Stage 1 activities (Scoping, Feasibility & Outline Business Care – 1% of total project costs), in relation to a community outdoor recreation project within Garvagh Forest, incorporating 15 km of shared use and cycling trails.

As part of a commissioned agreement between Coleraine Borough Council and Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI), it was agreed that a feasibility assessment and outline design could be created for a Mountain Bike Trail at Garvagh Forest.

An initial design concept has been developed featuring approximately 15 km of multi-use and cycling trails. An enhancement of the existing walking product is included through the extension of walking trails by a further 5 km. In addition it is proposed to locate the trailhead at the current car park of Carhill Road to extend this to accommodate additional parking.

Estimated costs for the project are around £450,000 - £500,000. Based on operating costs, it is estimated that annual running costs would be in the region of £15,000. Sports NI had been identified as a possible avenue for funding for the project under the Everybody Active 2020 Outdoor Spaces Programme.

Proposed by Alderman Hickey
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl

AGREED - as recommended that Members approve for officers to complete Stage 1 Outline Business Case activities (finalise the design, apply for funding and planning applications).

10 GRANT FUNDING POLICY REVIEW

The Committee received a report to review Council's Grant Funding Policy and seek approval from Members on the proposed changes to the policy for 2017/18.

Council annually review and approve the Grant Funding Policy for distribution of grants. The policy has been reviewed and is presented to Council with recommendations for the period 2017/18.

The proposed Grant Programmes for 2017/18 will be reviewed, including eligibility and criteria at a workshop being held on 13 October 2016 at 7 pm. The Grants Programme for 2017/18 will then be presented to Council for approval in November 2016.

The report set out the policy framework, principles and recommendations for review.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl and

AGREED – as recommended, that the Leisure and Development Committee recommend that Council approve the amended Grant Funding Policy subject to adding into Policy that groups could get review/feedback on applications if required.

11 STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE PROVISION

The Committee were updated via an information report in relation to the development of a Strategic Framework for the provision of community centres in the Borough.

The Strategic Framework would address the following key questions:

- What is Council's vision for the provision of Community Centre in the Borough?
- What are the ways in which that need can be met?

Work has been ongoing in background research and detailed mapping exercises, including the Audit of Community Centres and Halls; Audit of Need and Options Appraisal in relation to Community Facilities in Ballymoney Town.

A workshop was held on 18 August 2016 for Elected Members to consider emerging options for a Strategic Framework and a number of key points were made to include a proposed vision/overall outcomes and standards for community centre provision.

In order to determine the need for community centre provision, it was proposed that a mapping exercise takes place to review what existing facilities were available in the area and assess these against standards. Research had been undertaken within a section of 9 Council owned community centres to determine need.

Once a need had been identified for increased community centre provision, the presumption would not be in favour of Council building new community centres. Other options would include utilise existing facilities in an area, support third party community centre provision or Council renovates/extends existing Council owned centres.

A further workshop would be held on 3 November 2016 to consider a final draft Strategic Framework for Community Centre Provision.

Members noted the information report.

12 MUSEUM CONSERVATION

The Committee received a report to provide Council with information on proposed conservation treatment programme of oil paintings held by Council.

All Council's Accredited Museums have individual Conservation Management Plans in place. An integral part of legacy Council's Conservation Plan is the completion of condition assessments of the collections. This work is currently underway as resources to bring in specialist conservators are made available. A process to prioritise the conservation treatments once collections were assessed has been developed. These include historical merit, artistic merit, display priority and display ability.

In 2015 Museum Services were requested to prioritise the assessment of oil paintings held by the Council and a specialist Conservator was appointed to carry out a costed condition assessment. All four legacy Councils hold a total of 13 oil paintings. There are also 4 large 19th century portraits kept in storage.

The total cost to conserve the 13 items was estimated at £18,331 - £20,481 excluding travel costs. The total costs to conserve the 4 civic portraits would be in region of £45,250 - £55,250 excluding travel costs.

The oil paintings held are not a current priority for permanent display and their condition is such that the items can be used for temporary displays. The portraits are not in a suitable display condition and are not deteriorating further.

Council's Museum Services will seek funding when opportunities arise to carry out the conservation works in order of priority within the Collections Management Plan.

Members noted the information report.

13 BALLYMONEY MUSEUM OPTIONS

The Committee received a report to present background information, initial considerations and options available to Council following the recent adoption of the motion to “open a permanent Road Racing Museum in place of the current museum situated in Ballymoney.”

The report set out background information on the museum from when it opened in 1860, themes features in the gallery, exhibitions held and visitor figures from 2010.

The museum’s road racing collection holds a variety of motorbike artefacts and the late Bert McCook’s collection of helmets worn by famous riders, past and present. Each year to support the temporary exhibition programme, the museum has to borrow artefacts from private collections.

The report set out the following key points:

- A permanent road racing museum would require additional material and it would be important to secure confirmation from those who agreed to lend material that artefacts would be on a long term load. There could be costs associated with this.
- The Heritage Lottery Fund contributed £282,545 towards the fit-out of Ballymoney Museum. Potential for clawback of funding, however this would be unlikely if there was a strong strategic logic for Council’s decision.
- Cost of design and fit out of the present museum was £385,000, it is likely that a similar amount would be required to develop the temporary gallery space to accommodate a permanent road racing exhibition.
- The permanent gallery and temporary exhibition are important to local people, therefore it could be prudent to make provision to retain the community museum and wider Ballymoney story.
- A Roads Racing Museum has huge potential to attract tourists into the area.
- It was recommended that as part of the options appraisal, the terms of reference should include a specific requirement to identify options for the development of a Permanent Road Racing Museum in Ballymoney while retaining local community museum provision.

A needs analysis and options appraisal for Council’s museums facility provision across the Borough is scheduled for completion as part of the Cultural Services business plan in March 2017. The business case and feasibility study in relation to the Ballymoney Road racing museum proposal will therefore form an integral part of the broader study for museum facility provision.

Members noted the information report.

14 UPDATE ON CULTURE ARTS HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAMME

The Committee reviewed a report to provide an update on the Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Programme 2016/17.

The Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Programme was launched on 3 May 2016 and four information roadshows were held across the Borough to provide potential applicants with information about the new online application process and information specific to the programme.

The programme supports local groups promote and develop cultural arts and heritage projects and activities in the Borough. A grant of up to £1,000 is available for eligible projects and the total budget allocated to the programme was £21,000.

The report set out the assessment criteria and types of projects which could be funded.

In the period May to September 2016, 22 applications were received, 15 of which were successful summarised as follows:

Group	Project	Amount Awarded
Ballerin GAC	4-day summer scheme for 150 children	£700
Bann Valley Community Association	Traditional music classes for 20 young people in Eden Hall, Bendooragh.	£950
Beautiful Minds	Creating Limavady Workhouse Memorial course in Beautiful Minds drop in centre in Limavady.	£660
Carey Faughs	Heritage project focusing on a historic hurling match	£1,000
Cloughmills Community Guides	Series of arts and craft workshops for young girls aged 11-14 living in a rural community.	£600
Coleraine Festival Committee	10-week mini-banner painting course for 12-15 people in Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre.	£875
Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, Dun Lathai	Music classes for 50 young people in St Joseph's Parish Hall Dunloy, with showcase events.	£1,000
DU Dance	An intergenerational dance project involving young people and an over 50s group in the Ballymoney area.	£1,000
Dungiven Regeneration Club	Arts and crafts workshops for people living in a rural area.	£650
Friends of Ballycastle Museum	Series of local history talks in Ballycastle on a range of topics relevant to the area.	£1,000

Gelvin Area Community Association Ltd	Publication of local history book recording stories, photographs and articles from the local community.	£1,000
Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster-Scots Society	Arts and crafts classes and talks for 20 people in the Ullans Centre, Ballymoney.	£1,000
Mother Goose Playgroup	Halloween Haunted House Heritage Event will take place over four days in Sheskburn Community Centre,.	£1,000
North West Tongues, Tones and Tapping	Series of 20 workshops and 5 seminars in venues in Dungiven and Limavady for 140 participants.	£1,000
Ullans Speakers Association	Traditional music classes for 10 young people in the Ullans Centre, Ballymoney.	£750

Members noted the information report.

15 WELFARE REFORM ADVICE MONIES

The Committee received a report to provide information to Elected Members on funding from the Welfare Reform Advice monies that had been allocated through Department for Communities Community Support Programme, to Council's Welfare Reform Readiness and Welfare Reform Training for existing front line advice service providers.

It was noted that the amount allocated to Causeway Coast and Glens was £43,529.56 for the period remaining up to 31 March 2017. Councils are not required to match this additional funding which must be used to meet specific objectives.

The Department of Communities are also planning to offer Welfare Reform Awareness Raising Sessions to Council Elected Representatives across Northern Ireland and further details will be provided when they become available.

Members noted the information report.

16 BALLYCASTLE SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES UPDATE

The Committee reviewed a report to update Members on ongoing development of the available options for the provision of sport and leisure facilities in Ballycastle.

Council's Sport and Leisure Facilities Strategy identified a shortfall in pool, sports hall, pitch and gym facilities provision in the Ballycastle area.

Members were reminded that in March 2016, the Department of Education gave a presentation to the Leisure and Development Committee outlining the Shared Education Provision being planned for Ballycastle – Cross and Passion College and Ballycastle High School – and the potential joint working opportunities that

might emerge to provide public access to the planned sport and leisure facilities at lower cost than building separate stand-alone facilities.

An update was given on progress to date on the shared education campus. Once all work had been completed, the next step would be to establish the costs over and above what would be incurred by Department of Education to construct the facility purely for school use and to complete the Business Case to demonstrate if this option represents best value for public money to provide the public service.

Work has been ongoing on the potential for the former Marine Hotel Country Club to be refurbished and brought back into use to provide pool and gym facilities in the area. This has the potential to be the lowest cost method to provide necessary pool facilities but further work is necessary to complete the Business Case to demonstrate if this was the case.

Work is being progressed as quickly as possible and Members will be updated regularly on progress and relevant Business Cases will be brought to Members for consideration.

Members noted the information report.

17 VERBAL UPDATE – PORTRUSH CONSULTATION EVENING

The Leisure and Development Committee was advised that up to 150 people had attended the Portrush consultation evening in which ACOM outlined proposals for Portrush Environment Improvement Scheme. Feedback given was positive and a further consultation event would be held in January 2017.

It was suggested at the next consultation event officers should

- a) Capture contact information and
- b) Consider the opportunity for open forum discussion.

The points raised were noted.

18 DUNLUCE CENTRE BIDS EVALUATION

The report on Dunluce Centre Bids Evaluation was recommended to be considered 'in committee'. The Committee decided that the public seated in the viewing gallery should remain in the Chamber and be made aware as much as possible of the potential disposal of a large piece of Council estate.

The Director of Leisure and Development outlined background details regarding the Dunluce Centre and recent progress up to when the Development Brief was issued for submission by 19 September 2016.

A confidential report was circulated to Members to present and seek approval for the evaluation of the four bids received in response to the Development Brief and to make a recommendation for completion of the process by way of sale to the highest scoring bidder.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

AGREED - that the committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Committee'.

* The public and press left the Chamber at 9.50 pm.

The Committee received a presentation outlining details of the preferred bid.

It was recommended – that Members now approve the appointment of HWM Properties Ltd as the preferred Bidder to allow:

- a. Completion of the sale of the Dunluce Centre and site extending to 4.8 acres (Phase 1A and Phase 1B) by way of the Development Brief, subject to satisfactory completion of due diligence and agreement of satisfactory legal terms including the necessary Lease, Agreement to Lease / Building Agreement and satisfactory territorial exclusivity.
- b. The development of the Phase 2 proposals to include additional lands within Metropole Park extending to c. 5 acres, which will be presented to Committee / Council for consideration in due course.

It was pointed out to the Committee that the preferred bidder had asked for the highest confidentially and information shared with Elected Members should not be disclosed. The Committee were also advised that all the necessary background checks had been carried out to determine the viability of the bid.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which officers responded to members queries.

The Committee called for a recess at 10:40 pm and reconvened at 10:57 pm.

Proposed by Alderman Hickey
Seconded by Councillor Holmes and

AGREED - that Members now approve the appointment of HWM Properties Ltd as the preferred Bidder to allow:

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- b. The development of the Phase 2 proposals to include additional lands within Metropole Park extending to c. 5 acres, which will be presented to Committee / Council for consideration in due course.

19 CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee considered correspondence received from Castlerock Community Association requesting that Council nominate two elected representatives to attend future meetings of the Association.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised on nominations using d'Hondt from District Electoral Area (UU/DUP) and rolling d'Hondt (UU/SF). He also advised that the Committee could choose nominations.

Councillor Holmes nominated Alderman King to the Association.

Councillor McCorkell pointed out that Council was sitting on pages of groups waiting on nominations of Elected Members and that Zomba had been waiting for the last 2 years to see if Council would adopt them as its chosen charity. He added that Members needed to sit on community groups.

Councillor Mulholland proposed nominations be decided by rolling d'Hondt.

It was highlighted that the Chief Executive had suggested that Members provide a list of groups they sat on in the legacy Councils. Let Community Groups know when their meeting are taken place and Members can decide whether to attend or not.

Councillor Holmes and Mulholland withdrew their proposals.

AGREED – Party Leads to discuss nominations to Community Groups and bring this back information to Council through the Corporate Policy and Resource Committee.

20 CONSULTATIONS

There were no consultations for discussion by the Committee.

21 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

In accordance with Standing Order 12 (o), the following Elected Members gave notice of Items to be considered under Any Other Relevant Business:

Councillor Fielding withdrew the following notice submitted for discussion at the meeting.

'What is the source of the stones on Portrush East Strand Beach adjacent to the Water Sports Centre; and has this contributed to the loss of Blue Flag Status in 2015 and 2016.'

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 11.20 pm.

Chair