

**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2018**

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10	Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Blair referred from 23 October 2018 Council Meeting	Amendment carried
11	Review of Leisure Management Options	Approve
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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF
THE LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7:00 PM**

In the Chair: Councillor Holmes

Members Present: Alderman Robinson
Councillors Baird, Callan, Clarke, Douglas, Duddy,
Holmes, Loftus, McCandless, Knight-McQuillan,
McGurk, MA McKillop, McShane C, Nicholl and
Wilson

**Non Committee
Members Present:** Councillor P McShane
Councillor I Stevenson (Minute Item 10)

Officers Present: R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development
P Caldwell, Capital Projects Manager
J Gray, Projects Director, SIB
P Thompson, Head of Tourism & Recreation
W McCullough, Head of Sport & Wellbeing
J Beggs, SIB, Project Manager
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance: M Whyte, Event Director, NW200
F Mackay, Event Operations Manager, NW200
W Cameron, Acting Deputy Director BRD Northern Division, DfC
J O'Neill, SIB Associate Advisor

Press (2 no)

SUBSTITUTION

Councillor Wilson substituted for Alderman Hillis, Councillor McGurk substituted for Councillor K Mulholland, Councillor Loftus substituted for Councillor Deighan.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Hillis, Councillors Deighan, A Mulholland and K Mulholland.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2018

The Chair advised the Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 9 October 2018 were adopted at the 23 October 2018 Council Meeting.

4. PRESENTATION - MERVYN WHYTE AND FERGUS MACKAY, NW200

M Whyte offered his sincere thanks for the opportunity to present to Council. M Whyte referred to the 90th Anniversary of the NW200 in 2019 and especially designed Logo and motto. M Whyte and F Mackay outlined their NW200 business strategy, global media profile, positive economic and social impact on the area and NW200 income and costs.

The Chair, Councillor Holmes thanked the representatives for promoting the area and hoped Red Bull and David Coulthard would make an appearance next year as was rumoured.

Councillor Duddy concurred with the request from M Whyte for a multi-year funding programme, advising it would be best for the NW200 and for Council's own financial planning. In response, the Director of Leisure and Development referred to Item 8 on the Agenda, the Tourism Recreation Event fund would open on 4 December and report brought in February at the earliest, with grants subject to the rates setting process. The Director of Leisure and Development noted the request to secure funding as early as possible.

Councillor Baird praised the NW200 for its very successful volunteering programme of 800 participants and congratulated M Whyte and the NW200 for all it does for the area.

Councillor C McShane questioned whether Tourism NI ring-fenced for several years at a time and whether they had also carried out a Study? Councillor C McShane stated three or four events over a 3-year period take on 65% of the Tourism Events budget, which squeezed other events and sought a balanced approach across Causeway Coast and Glens, whilst not taking away from the events and benefit for the area.

F Mackay outlined that as Tourism NI's Strategy up to 2020 was nearing an end, an initial 3-year package had ended and was now made on a single year basis, whilst the new strategy 2020-2030 was put in place and in the absence of an Assembly. However, F Mackay hoped that would change and move to a multi-year format in the future.

Councillor Clarke was disappointed at the negativity surrounding Tourism NI and advised the £72,000 Council investment every year and combined spend leverages in the Borough had resulted in a return of £170,000, a massive reach for Council and congratulated the NW200 on the work done for Tourism, Motorsport and the 800 Volunteers.

In response to a question from Councillor Nicholl concerning Road Closure costs, M Whyte outlined escalating costs next year to include the requirement for Road Closing Orders, Traffic Management and Traffic Wardens.

- * **Councillor Knight-McQuillan arrived at the meeting at 7.06PM during consideration.**
- * **Councillor Douglas arrived at the meeting a 7.10PM during consideration.**
- * **M Whyte and F Mackay left the meeting at 7.42pm.**

5. MAGHERACROSS COASTAL TRAILHEAD AND VIEWPOINT

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Head of Tourism and Recreation, to seek approval to proceed to, and complete on, Stage 2 of the Council's Capital Investment process for works at Magheracross. (Economic appraisal, design to tender and procurement for Contractor).

Project Proposal

The Council's Tourism and Recreational team, in conjunction with the Infrastructure team, have developed a concept and appointed GM Design to advance this prior to the Elected Members' Consultation Workshop. The elements proposed include:

- Bringing the on-road walking element of the Causeway Coast Way into the site along the perimeter of the clifftop.
- Creating iconic feature viewpoints looking along coast line with the vistas including the limestone cliffs towards Whiterocks and Dunluce Castle.
- Sensitive landscaping and provision made for the Causeway Coast Way to extend eastwards towards the Dunluce Castle domain.
- Adjustments to car parking provision to reduce visual impact on the coast line.

Funding opportunity

With the assistance of the Funding Unit, Officers have sought financial support for this project and are hopeful that funding can be sourced through the Rural Development Programme's Strategic Tourism Scheme (£500,000 at a 75% contribution to costs). Based on estimated costs for the implementation, Council's contribution would be capped at a

maximum of £100,000 (other sources of funding including the Landfill Community Fund are being explored). The Rural Development Programme funding requires that the necessary statutory approvals are in place in the first quarter of 2019.

Next Steps

Subject to Elected Members approval, Officers would propose to produce an Economic Appraisal for the project and complete the procurement process for a contractor. In tandem, a full application will be prepared to submit to the DEARA strategic scheme and subject to a successful indication of securing funding, direction will be sought from Elected Members' on whether or not to proceed with appointment and completion of the works. Any works will be subject to planning and statutory consents. The earliest possible start date for Capital works will be September 2019.

Recommendation

The Leisure and Development Committee is asked to approve the advancement of the Magheracross/Causeway Coastal Way project to Stage 2 of the Council's Capital Investment process.

The Head of Tourism and Recreation referred to a typing error on page 1 which should have read 440,000 (not 250,000).

The Capital Projects Manager presented a design of the proposed Magheracross Viewpoint via Powerpoint presentation.

Councillor Baird requested that Portaneevy be given priority in the Capital Programme.

Following a Point of Order raised by Councillor Duddy, the Chair ruled that under Standing Order 16.1, Councillor Baird's proposal regarding Portaneevy was inadmissible.

Councillor Clarke spoke in support of the Magheracross Scheme and the opportunity for RDP funding and queried the Officers calculation regarding parking at Dunluce Castle. Councillor Clarke proposed the Officer recommendation thereafter.

Councillor C McShane referred to the Causeway Coast Way Blueprint, a tangible process with transparency in outcomes, however, she did not want to see Portaneevy fall off the radar, the Magheracross viewing point was a huge opportunity to expand the tourism product and experience the 33 mile track from Ballycastle to Portstewart.

Councillor Loftus supported the recommendation and congratulated the Officers on their work.

In response to a request for clarification from Councillor Duddy, the Head of Tourism and Recreation clarified consultation with National Trust was held in conjunction on the Causeway Coast Way.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Duddy

– to recommend that Council approve the advancement of the Magheracross/Causeway Coastal Way project to Stage 2 of the Council's Capital Investment process.

12 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.

* **Councillor MA McKillop left the meeting at 7.50PM.**

6. BENONE STRAND ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure & Development, to seek approval from Members to proceed to and complete on Stage 1 of the Council's Capital Investment process for beach access infrastructure works at Benone Strand. (Feasibility study, site investigation and project specification)

As NI's first inclusive beach, Benone Strand and The Ark facility have made strong efforts to provide a facility that welcomes all regardless of mobility. We aim to have a safe, segregated, purpose-built access way linking The Ark building with the beach. Council is currently working on the provision of a storage facility for accessible beach equipment and other watersport related equipment. (This has already been already approved by Elected Members and funded by the Rural Development Programme under Co-operation projects).

Project Proposal

It is proposed that Council take the opportunity to enhance public access to Benone Strand from the new storage facility and The Ark by:

1. Construction of a permanent traffic-free pedestrian access route (promenade-type footpath), linking the Ark building with Benone Beach;
2. Provision of realigned disabled parking bays;
3. Provision of timber retention walls for retaining the sand dunes adjacent to the proposed access route;
4. Programme marram grass replanting.

Funding

Initial discussions have been held with Sport NI with a view to establishing if the project proposal is eligible for funding from Everybody Active 2020. Anticipated costs have been estimated between £60,000 and £80,000 and the initial indications are that the costs are eligible for the Sport NI Everybody Active 2020 programme.

Recommendation

The Leisure and Development Committee is asked to approve the advancement of the Benone Strand Beach Access Infrastructure Improvements project to Stage 1 of the Council's Capital Investment process.

The Head of Tourism and Recreation presented images of Benone via Powerpoint presentation.

Councillor Nicholl congratulated the Mae Murray Foundation on accessibility for Benone Beach and proposed the recommendation.

Councillor Duddy congratulated the Officers on the agreed Notice of Motion that had enabled Benone to be the first Accessible Beach in NI and queried when the storage would be on site and ready for use?

The Head of Tourism and Recreation advised of a Planning issue surrounding consent that he hoped would be overcome and works commencing in January.

Councillor Duddy referred to the 60mph speed limit on the road and whether D Porter, Dfl, had come back with solutions. The Director of Leisure and Development advised Dfl had not come back with proposals.

With the consent of the proposer, Councillor Duddy added that Council pursue Roads Service in regard to adopting the stretch of Road to make the Beach a safer place for all users, or having the Speed limit reduced to make it safer.

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl
Seconded by Councillor Duddy

- to recommend that Council approve the advancement of the Benone Strand Beach Access Infrastructure Improvements project to Stage 1 of the Council's Capital Investment process;
- that Council pursue Roads Service in regard to adopting the stretch of Road to make the Beach a safer place for all users; or having the Speed limit reduced to make it safer.

Councillor Callan added, there was a need for an enhanced access for pedestrians, supported the work and hoped it would come at a zero cost to Council.

The Head of Tourism and Recreation provided an update for Councillor C McShane, the boardwalk in Ballycastle had been approved as part of the Coastal Access Programme.

The Chair put the motion to the committee to vote.

Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

* **Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 8.35pm.**

7. WEST BAY BEACH ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure & Development, to seek approval from Members to proceed to, and complete on, Stage 1 of the Council's Capital Investment process for works at West Bay, Portrush. (Feasibility study, site investigation and project specification).

Discussions between the Infrastructure Team and Tourism and Recreation Service have identified the opportunity to improve access to the beach at two locations along the promenade. It would be appropriate to consider incorporating any access repair and/or improvements as part of the wider revetment works.

Project Proposal

Officers propose that Council take the opportunity to potentially enhance the public access to the beach from the promenade by;

1. Providing a ramped access at the western (Black Rocks) end of the promenade to improve accessibility to the beach and comply with access legislation replacing the existing infrastructure.
2. Scoping the feasibility of designing a multi-use ramp at the harbour end of the beach that can facilitate as wide a range of users as possible, to deliver safe and convenient access onto this increasingly popular beach. This should include exploring the idea of making it wide enough to facilitate vehicular access for the tractor and surf rake (beach cleaning equipment) accessing and egressing the beach at this end.

These proposals would be considered as part of the early design works within Stage 1 of the Capital Investment process.

Recommendation

The Leisure and Development Committee is asked to approve the advancement of the West Bay, Portrush Beach Access Infrastructure Improvements project to Stage 1 of the Council's Capital Investment process.

The Head of Tourism and Recreation confirmed funding was being investigated. Councillor Clarke proposed the recommendation.

Councillor C McShane queried how it fitted in with the Capital Programme. The Director of Leisure and Development clarified the principles of the 2015 Capital Prioritisation Projects, which were existing and established and treated reactively. There were grant funding opportunities to look for grant funded projects surrounding social and well-being projects, 1% on the rates and equated to a £7M Capital annual spend.

Councillor C McShane further pressed the issue, the Director of Leisure and Development advised discussion could take place at the Capital Projects workshop scheduled the following evening.

The Head of Tourism and Recreation clarified the extremely tight manoeuvring that required careful management, the project on the Harbour end of the beach would require slight redesign and minor alterations, no scheme was yet being proposed and advised the Blackrock end of the Beach was currently closed due to Health and Safety concerns.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Duddy

– to recommend that Council approve the advancement of the West Bay, Portrush Beach Access Infrastructure Improvements project to Stage 1 of the Council's Capital Investment process.

The Chair put the motion to the committee to vote.

Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

- * **Councillor C McShane left the meeting at 8.40pm and returned at 8.45pm during consideration.**
- * **Councillor Wilson re-joined the meeting at 8.40PM.**

8. GRANT PROGRAMMES 2019-20

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure & Development, to recommend the annual grant funding programmes to Council for the 2019-20 period.

Every year Council agrees an annual programme of grants. The grant funding programmes target resources to meet identified need and further Council's objectives as outlined in the Council's Corporate Plan and individual Service Strategies.

In the 2018-19 Grant funding period the following programmes are being delivered:

Grant Funding Programmes 2019-20

An elected members Grant programmes Workshop was held on 17th October 2018, at which the proposed grant programmes for the 2019-20 period were presented and discussed.

A summary of the proposed grants programmes for 2019-20 is attached as **Annex A**, which includes a brief overview of each proposed grant and the criteria to be used for assessment.

Recommendations

The Leisure & Development Committee consider the following recommendations:

1. Approve the grant programmes and criteria proposed for 2019-20 as set out in Annex A.
2. Approve the opening of Grant Programmes as set out in Annex B.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised that unfortunately the Funding Manager was not in attendance, however, he would try and answer as many queries as he could.

The Director of Leisure and Development responded to queries surrounding the Large Tourism Event Fund, and clarified there was a proposed £100,000 for external organisations to apply from an available £241,465K, in 2018/19, £296,842 had been applied for, an approximate shortfall of £55K.

The Head of Community and Culture clarified further grants social Groups could apply for and offered advice and guidance to any groups who felt they were ineligible for any of the available grants.

Councillor Duddy explored the definition of 'unrestricted reserves' in Annex A and queried were the figures defined? The Head of Community

and Culture advised it depended on the size, nature and scale of the Group.

Councillor Duddy further queried the Landfill Communities Fund, the Director of Leisure and Development advised Council was an administrator of the Fund.

Councillor C McShane requested information on Councils role in administering and the governance surrounding the Landfill Communities Fund. Councillor C McShane, referring to the Large Tourism Event fund, stated small community events matter most to communities and that events should not be hierarchical.

The Director of Leisure and Development agreed to circulate the information and to clarify whether both LCF and Council grants fund can both be applied for.

Proposed by Councillor Duddy
Seconded by Councillor Callan

– to recommend that Council:

1. Approve the grant programmes and criteria proposed for 2019-20 as set out in Annex A.
2. Approve the opening of Grant Programmes as set out in Annex B.

The Chair put the motion to the committee to vote.

10 members voted for, 0 members voted Against, 4 members abstained.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

9. PEACE IV UPDATE

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of leisure & Development, to update Members on the progress and delivery of the Peace IV Programme in particular with respect to programmes led and delivered by the Council, including:

- Sharing Your Community Space.
- Shaping Our Place.
- Good Relations Outside of School.
- Understanding Our Area.

SHARED SPACES & SERVICES

1. Sharing Your Community Space (£870,300) - A shared space and community dialogue programme, delivered by Council's Community Development unit and supported by the Capital Works team. This programme focuses on 34 areas, including the provision of resources of circa £20,000 each for community owned centres, and up to £15,000 each for Council owned yet community managed centres to deliver small scale capital works.

Participants representing 34 community facilities have now completed in excess of 26 hours of cross-community contact through their commitment to the overall Programme, through dialogue, reflective & evaluation sessions, site-visits and the attendance at a recent Mayor's Reception. The programme of minor capital works are now underway with the completion of works and official handover for the Ullans Centre in Ballymoney followed by the commencement of works for Gortnaghey and Aghanloo with the remaining 31 projects scheduled for completion over the coming months.

2. Shaping Our Place (£311,500) - A targeted cross-community regeneration and reimagining programme delivered by Council's Good Relations unit in 8 local communities including resources of circa £33,000 per area for reimagining projects. Areas include Articlave, Mosside, Rasharkin, Bushmills, Coleraine, Dungiven, Limavady and Ballycastle.

The 8 target areas (four urban, four rural) are currently participating in peace building dialogue sessions and will be provided with support to develop plans for installations/projects within each of their communities. A full list of proposals will be submitted by the end of November.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

3. Good Relations Outside Of School (£254,084) - A sports, leisure, cultural and arts cross community engagement programme delivered by Council's Cultural Services and Sports Development teams by engaging 10 primary schools and 10 secondary schools with at least 650 children and young people participating.

The programme has been successfully rolling out since October 2017 with a series of arts and sports activities taking place including circus skills school, dance workshops and glass-making. Non-traditional sports activities, including water based activities have been offered under the sports programme with more activities planned by both the arts & sports teams this autumn at mid-term. The total numbers participating to date is 563.

BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONS

4. Understanding Our Area (£400,000) - Engaging up to 30 community groups / historical societies with 750 participants in area based heritage, shared history and built environment projects.

Council's Cultural Services museum staff are delivering this programme and to date have engaged 17 groups, providing resource allocations to deliver local community projects.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR STEVENSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BLAIR REFERRED FROM 23 OCTOBER 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by Councillor Douglas

- 'That this council give approval for a television Christmas advert for the council area, starting from the Christmas of 2019 and that this be continued on an annual basis, with the advert being reviewed for content as required. In proposing this, we recognise the importance of Christmas trade for local businesses and the investment which they make in the borough. We also recognise the unique opportunity to promote local tourism and to maximise the potential brought about by the significant investment made in Christmas lighting.'

Councillor Stevenson read from a prepared statement:

That this council create a television Christmas advert for the council area starting from the Christmas of 2019 and that this continued on annually with the advert being reviewed for content as required. In proposing this we recognise the importance of Christmas trade for local businesses and the investment which they make in the borough. We also recognise the unique opportunity to promote local tourism and use the significant investment made in Christmas lighting to greater effect.

The Christmas period is evidently a period of increased spending for many people. Sales at Christmas in the UK were expected to reach a total of 78.69 billion British pounds in 2017, slightly more than in 2016 when sales were estimated to have reached 77.56 billion.

In order to maximise income at high periods of spending the Northern Ireland business info website states that:

If you do most of your business at seasonal peak times, such as Christmas, you will need to plan your business carefully to maximise

your turnover during busy periods and make the most of quieter periods. It's first recommendation is to put a marketing strategy in place to maximise your exposure. It is for this main reason, I.e. that council has a more effective marketing strategy in place, that I propose the resolution.

The crucial Christmas period, generally starting from when Christmas lights are switched on in mid November, can be a make or break for retailers. While internet trading is useful, not everyone carries out business online and footfall across the borough during the Christmas period, can make the difference in terms of employment, less empty buildings, a thriving economy and ultimately to people's health and wellbeing.

From a purely economic perspective the Christmas period will contribute to domestic and non domestic rates in the area as businesses do well and people will continue to live in the area because the jobs which are there.

As members may know I have raised this issue before but a more vague resolution was approved, or least not fully addressing this point which I raised. Howbeit, now may actually prove a better time, given that the new Christmas lights are now on display, following the example of Ballymoney on an initiative by myself which was hard fought for. The lights in Ballymoney in particular, but across the Causeway council area (having copied a good idea perhaps) are talked about by different people I have met across Northern Ireland. I feel they would add to any advert made and would be a drawing point for people who are not aware of them, to shop here. Of course the details of any advert could be worked out but they could also double as a tourism product and should be council wide, acknowledging the economic input across this borough.

We do have the advantage of tourists coming to the area all year round who may decide to shop elsewhere because they are not aware of our shopping product, when we could have them in our towns and villages. We are also in close proximity to Londonderry which benefits from cross border trade. Any advert would give additional publicity to a wide scope and tell them we are open for business and have a large variety of shops, from the many independent retailers to the larger shopping chains. Again, with a larger footfall, there is a greater likelihood for other shops to come.

In terms of economy the effectiveness of any advert can be assessed, of course, but we need to help our local businesses and it may well prove to pay for itself and more. Of course we acknowledge that businesses pay non domestic rates, that we have a strong role to play in economic development and it is true that this is only one piece of the jigsaw.

Christmas parking charges also play a role, taking a small hit for a larger benefit to our town centres, but this issue is mainly about not keeping people away and less so about attracting people here.

Any advert could be done using the expertise of the University of Ulster, which I believe would prove very beneficial. But for now I thank you for your time and await any discussion regarding this, as I seek to make this area more prosperous and to give businesses a chance in what may or may not be challenging times in the near future but in any case to give them a boost. Let us continue to show them their importance to us, that what they pay in they will see the benefit of, and that we can show our continued resolve in tackling economic issues by new initiatives, not just in election year but by regularly seeing how we can do things better to improve our economy.

Councillor Wilson explored the cost to produce and air a television advert against the opportunities provided by social media platforms.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Duddy

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

- that this Council investigates through the Office of the Town Centre Managements, the cost-benefit of starting a Christmas Advertising Campaign in 2019 and to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Councillor C McShane stated she did not support the proposal nor amendment.

Councillor Loftus raised a Point of Order, stating she felt the Amendment was not within the scope of the original Notice of Motion submitted.

The Chair, Councillor Holmes, ruled to allow the Amendment to the Notice of Motion.

Councillor Stevenson stated he was in agreement that his proposal was subject to a cost benefit analysis being done and on a report being brought back to committee.

The Chair put the Amendment to the committee to vote, 9 members voted For, 5 members voted Against.

The Chair declared the Amendment carried.

11. REVIEW OF LEISURE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Wilson

Seconded by Councillor McCandless and

AGREED – that Committee conduct the remainder of the business 'In Committee'.

* **Press left the meeting at 9.50PM.**

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Head of Wellbeing and Sport, to consider the next steps in the appraisal process for the review of Leisure Management options of Council's tier 1 and tier 2 leisure facilities.

The Projects Director, SIB, responded to questions.

It is recommended that Members:

- Approve the commencement of a shadow bid exercise.
- Officers bring back a report giving the results of the shadow bid, together with the EME outcome for Members to make a decision on;
 - i. In-House
 - ii. Council Owned Company
 - iii. Outsource

The Director of Leisure and Development agreed to bring costs back on the Consultancy procurement.

The Head of Wellbeing and Sport agreed to update committee on the current financial position with Dungiven Sports pavilion.

Proposed by Councillor Loftus

Seconded by Councillor Baird

– to recommend that Council:

- Approve the commencement of a shadow bid exercise.
- Officers bring back a report giving the results of the shadow bid, together with the EME outcome for Members to make a decision on;
 - i. In-House
 - ii. Council Owned Company
 - iii. Outsource

The Chair put the motion to the committee to vote.

12 members voted For, 0 members voted Against, 1 member Abstained.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

- * **Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 10.15pm during consideration.**
- * **Councillors Callan and Douglas left the meeting at 10.30PM.**

12. LEISURE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure & Development, to seek Members approval to upgrade the Leisure Management Software in Tier 1 and Tier 2 facilities and to go to tender for Access Controls.

It is recommended that Members:

- Approve implementation of the new integrated Legend system in Roe Valley Leisure Centre, Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Coleraine Leisure Centre, Dungiven Sports Centre, Jim Watt Sports Centre and Sheskburn Sports Centre at an increased annual cost of £265 per year and a one-off cost of £21,950 including system setup and configuration, hardware and staff training.
- Approve preparation and issue of tender documents for access controls at Roe Valley Leisure Centre, Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Coleraine Leisure Centre, Dungiven Sports Centre, Jim Watt Sports Centre and Sheskburn Sports Centre at an estimated cost of £46,878 with a tender report to be brought back for Members consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Duddy

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

– to recommend that Council:

- Approve implementation of the new integrated Legend system in Roe Valley Leisure Centre, Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Coleraine Leisure Centre, Dungiven Sports Centre, Jim Watt Sports Centre and Sheskburn Sports Centre at an increased annual cost of £265 per year and a one-off cost of £21,950 including system setup and configuration, hardware and staff training.
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The Chair put the motion to the committee to vote.

Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

13. PORTRUSH RECREATION GROUNDS

*** W Cameron and J O'Neill arrived at the meeting at 10.35PM.**

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure & Development, to present the Portrush Recreation Grounds Outline Business Case (Stage 1) to Members for approval and to recommend next steps - Stage 2 of the Council's Capital Investment process.

It is recommended that Members:

- Approve the Portrush Recreation Grounds Outline Business Case.
- Instruct officers to proceed with the project design, planning permission and procurement documents based on the Portrush Recreation Grounds Outline Business Case – Option 1, but not to initiate procurement of a contractor until Members confirm the project affordability

Scheme Option 1 and Scheme Option 2 were tabled.

Projects Director, SIB, responded to questions surrounding the detail of Scheme Option 1 and confirmed floodlighting, the provision of shelter and children's play facilities.

The Director of Leisure and Development outlined the reasoning for enhancing the 4-stage process, and that it had been done previously. Councillor Clarke stated it was not clear to him on the tabled Scheme, where the provision for car parking had been made at the Bowling Green and stated the requirement for 12 car parking spaces to facilitate its users on a like for like provision with that already established.

W Cameron outlined the preference for Option 1 which had more Public Realm within the Scheme, that it would leave Portrush finished to a very high standard. W Cameron advised there was no funding deadline.

The Head of Wellbeing and Sport advised all key stakeholders had been consulted.

Councillor Clarke further raised concerns regarding car parking at the Bowling Green, the Director of Leisure and Development stated a

detailed design would be brought back within 3 months and Councillor Clarke's comments taken on board.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Loftus

– to recommend that Council:

- Approve the Portrush Recreation Grounds Outline Business Case.
- Instruct officers to proceed with the project design, planning permission and procurement documents based on the Portrush Recreation Grounds Outline Business Case – Option 1, but not to initiate procurement of a contractor until Members confirm the project affordability

The Chair put the motion to the committee to vote.

6 members voted For, 2 members voted Against, 1 member Abstained.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

AGREED – that Committee conduct the remainder of the business 'In Public'.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 11.21pm.

Chair