

LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2016

Table of Recommendations

No	Item	Summary of key Recommendations
6	Ballymoney Social Centre	<i>Do not acquire legal ownership; support the operation of the centre until 30 November 2016</i>
7	Ballymoney Music Centre	<i>Do nothing; decline the opportunity</i>
8	Peace IV Governance	<i>Option 1</i>
9	Neighbourhood Renewal Annual Report	<i>D'Hondt method, nominate 2 members on Coleraine and Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal</i>
10	Regional Start Initiative	<i>Continue to engage</i>
11	Appointment of Franchisee at Benone	<i>Information</i>
12	Sport & Wellbeing Advisory Committee	<i>Information</i>
13	Community Development Annual Report	<i>Information</i>
14	Good Relations Leadership Programme	<i>Information</i>
15	Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Wilson and Councillor Callan	<i>Adopt</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2016 AT 7:05 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor Boyd Douglas
- Members Present** : Alderman - Hillis
Councillors – Baird, Beattie, Clarke, Fielding, Holmes,
Loftus, Knight-McQuillan, McLean, C McShane, Quigley,
Stevenson, Wilson
- Officers Present** : R Baker, Director Leisure & Development
P Beattie, Head of Prosperity & Place
P Cameron, Good Relations Manager
S Duggan, Committee & Member Services Officer
D Hunter, Council Solicitor
J McCarron, PEACE IV Co-ordinator
W McCullough, Head of Leisure, Wellbeing & Sport
L Scullion, Community Development Manager
P Thompson, Head of Tourism & Recreation
- In Attendance** : Alderman S McKillop
M Strong, Coast & Countryside Unit
- Press (2 no.)

1 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chair expressed sympathy for the family of the former Coleraine Councillor Olive Church, whose husband had passed away, the Chair offered his sincere condolences.

The Chair congratulated the Olympian Coleraine rower Alan Campbell, progressing in the Rio single sculls.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Hickey; Councillors Nicholl, Mulholland, McKillop and Deighan.

3 NOMINATIONS

The Chair advised Councillor Baird was replacing Councillor McCandless; Councillor Loftus was replacing Councillor MA McKillop, Councillor Beattie was replacing Councillor Deighan; Councillor Quigley was replacing Alderman

Hickey and Councillor Fielding was replacing Councillor McCorkell for the transaction of business for the evening.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were recorded from Councillor McLean in Ballymoney Social Centre, Councillor Stevenson in Ballymoney Music Centre, as a member of Ullans Speakers Association; Councillor Quigley in Neighbourhood Renewal Annual report as member of Oasis Management Committee.

5 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2016

The Chair advised the minutes of the meeting were confirmed at the 28 June Council meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

5.1 2019 OPEN TROON VISIT (ITEM 6)

The Director provided a verbal update on a successful visit to The Open, Royal Troon, hosted by Royal & Ancient and South Ayrshire District Council. The delegation were struck by the sheer scale of the event, the level of organisation and good working relationship between Council and all interested parties. The visit was reinforced by the news that Portsewart Golf Club is to host the Irish Open in 2017.

6 BALLYMONEY SOCIAL CENTRE

Options relating to the ownership the Social Centre in Ballymoney were presented.

Recommendation

Council considers the options of:

1. Acquiring legal ownership of the asset and in doing so take responsibility for refurbishment/ rebuild and operation;
2. Not acquiring legal ownership and supports the operation of the centre until 30th November 2016 as previously agreed.

Councillor Wilson addressed committee in support of the Social Centre and the community of Ballymoney.

The Director, mindful of the sensitivities of the situation, responded to comments and concerns. Council's Solicitor offered an opinion in relation to the social centre's ownership.

Proposed by Alderman Hillis
Seconded by Councillor C McShane and

– to recommend that Council approve Option 2.

Alderman Hillis urged Council to continue to work with the Evergreen Club in every way it could.

On the motion being put to the meeting 9 members voted for, 2 against, the motion was carried.

7 BALLYMONEY MUSIC CENTRE

A Strategic Outline Case was presented on the former Ballymoney Music Centre to allow Council to make a decision in relation to purchasing a long term lease on the premises from the Education Authority.

An Options Outline Report was circulated along with a report of the consultation taken place with all the interested parties in the building. The report presented the options for the building:

Option 1: The Do Nothing Option: Decline the Opportunity.

Option 2: A Cultural Hub.

Option 3: A Community Hub.

Option 4: A Mixed Use Development Trust Proposal.

Recommendation

That Council considers the options put forward in relation to Ballymoney Music Centre and makes a decision as to whether or not to purchase a long term lease on the premises.

The Community Development Manager responded to queries and responded to the decision by the Education Authority to finalise the extension of the deadline for decision to 31 August 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Homes
Seconded by Councillor Quigley

- to recommend that Council approve Option 1.

Councillor Stevenson called a recorded vote.

On the motion being put to the meeting 9 members voted for, 4 against, 1 abstention, the motion was carried.

For: Aldermen – Hillis
(9) Councillors - Clarke, Beattie, Douglas, Quigley, Holmes, Baird, Loftus, C McShane

Against: Councillors – Knight-McQuillan, McLean, Stevenson, Wilson
(4)

Abstentions: Councillor - Fielding

(1)

8 PEACE IV GOVERNANCE

An options report to agree a policy on the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair for the Causeway Coast & Glens Peace IV Partnership was presented.

Recommendation

That the Committee agrees on one of the options provided for the election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to the Peace IV Partnership.

Proposed by Alderman Hillis

Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve Option 1:

1.1 The Causeway Coast and Glens Council is the Lead Partner, and the PEACE IV funding contract will be between SEUPB and the Council. As such, the Chairperson of the Partnership shall always be a locally elected Councillor. The Chair will be selected using D'Hondt and the period in office will be for 12 months at a time.

1.2 The Vice-Chairperson of the Partnership shall always be one of the social partners who will be elected by the Members of the Partnership to run concurrently with the office of the Chair. The period in office will be for 12 months at a time.

1.3 If the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a meeting, those present shall elect one of the Members of the Partnership to act as a Chairperson.

9 NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL ANNUAL REPORT

A report was presented to:

1. Provide Council with a summary of the 2015-16 Annual Reports for Neighbourhood Renewal (NR) Programmes in the Limavady and Coleraine areas;
2. Provide an update on Neighbourhood Renewal / Tackling Deprivation moving forward;
3. Invite nomination of Council representation to sit on Coleraine and Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Boards.

Recommendation

1. That Elected Members consider the method they wish to use to decide on nominations for the Boards ie. dHondt or other, and;

2. Nominate 2 members to sit on Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board and 2 members to sit on Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board

Councillor Baird suggested Council write to the Department of Communities requesting assistance to help highly socially deprived areas such as Mosside and Armoy.

Proposed by Councillor Loftus

Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

AGREED – to recommend that Council adopt d'Hondt method of appointment and nominate 2 members to sit on Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board and 2 members to sit on Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board.

10 REGIONAL START INITIATIVE

A further update on the progress of the transfer of Regional Start Initiative (Business Start programme) from Invest Northern Ireland to Councils, and recommended made as an interim solution to delivery between end-October 2016 and October 2017 was presented.

Recommendation

While the final timetable for moving forward is in flux, it is recognised that we require some form of business start function to continue. It is recommended that:

- Council continues to engage with the Local Enterprise Agencies, to put in place an interim arrangement for programme delivery through the Alchemy Programme, and within the current budgetary allocation.
- That this is monitored by staff for cost effectiveness, quality and delivery standards.
- That this interim arrangement is in place by end-October to ensure continuity.
- That Council continues to engage with the other ten councils to move towards a Northern Ireland-wide solution with a single brand and uniform delivery.

Proposed by Councillor Loftus

Seconded by Councillor Homes and

AGREED – as recommended.

11 APPOINTMENT OF FRANCHISEE AT BENONE

An update on the appointment of a franchisee for the bistro at Benone Complex was provided.

12 SPORT & WELLBEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Information on the proposed structure for the merging of the legacy Sports Councils was delivered.

Draft Terms of Reference will be presented to the four local Sports Advisory Committees for a period of 6 week consultation starting in mid-August. Following this consultation period the final Terms of Reference will be presented to Council for final approval.

In the interim period the four legacy committees will continue to function in their existing format with grant funding from Council as per the legacy financial allocations.

13 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report in relation to the activities of the Community Development section for 2015-16 was delivered.

14 GOOD RELATIONS LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

As part of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's Good Relations programme, supported through OFMDFM, up to 10 places will be available to Councillors to participate in a 'Challenging Prejudice through Leadership Programme' to be delivered during September / October 2016. Members are invited to submit their interest to the Good Relations Manager.

15 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR WILSON AND COUNCILLOR CALLAN:

Councillor Wilson spoke in support of the Notice of Motion and proposed its adoption:

'That Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council open a permanent Motorcycle Road Racing museum in place of the current museum situated in Ballymoney.

The excitement of motorcycle road racing should be celebrated in a permanent display of trophies, leathers, helmets and memorabilia from famous riders past and present.

Ballymoney is the obvious location to share some of the fascinating stories of the motorcycle riders who have competed on public roads at the North West 200, Ulster Grand Prix, Isle of Man TT and other famous races.

The museum exhibitions should focus on the success of our local riders and the road racing circuits which have provided such memorable races for many people for over a century’.

Seconded by Councillor Stevenson and

AGREED – to support the Notice of Motion.

16 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

In accordance with Standing Order 12 (o) Councillor Fielding gave notice of the following items to be raised under Any Other Relevant Business.

- *‘The closing of long established public right of ways in Portrush. Causeway Street/Causeway Street Car Park/East Strand and Bath Road’.*

The Head of Tourism and Recreation outlined the process of Council’s obligation to deal with the allegations relating to the assumed Public Rights of Way. An investigation would be undertaken and a report brought back.

17 FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

In accordance with Standing Order 12 (o) Alderman Hillis gave notice of items to be raised under Any Other Relevant Business.

- *‘Clarification regarding the reason for the lack of fireworks displays in Portrush and band entertainment at the Amphitheatre in Portrush during the 2016 summer season’.*

The Head of Tourism and Recreation clarified the reason why there was no Fireworks display in Portrush this year, a review of events for the whole Borough would be undertaken to get the right balance for 2017.

The Head of Tourism and Recreation took on board the comments regarding the lack of accessible viewing for less able bodied spectators.

* Councillor Beattie left the meeting at 10.10pm.

- *‘Clarification regarding the location of the fireworks display in Portstewart at the end of Airwaves Show, a Portrush event. This will mean that there is the potential for traffic chaos on the coast road with many of the spectators already in Portrush for the airshow needing to relocate to Portstewart’.*

The Director offered a detailed response for the relocation of the fireworks, advising the footprint of the Airwaves event had been widened to a multi-sited event. The Head of Tourism and Recreation outlined the steps to mitigate traffic congestion as far as possible.

* Councillor Quigley left the meeting at 10.23pm.

18 THE FUTURE OF NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE BALLYMONEY/ ST GOBBAN'S CHURCH

In accordance with Standing Order 12 (o) Councillor Stevenson gave notice of items to be raised under Any Other Relevant Business. The Director agreed to bring a report back on each of the items.

'That urgent work is done to give members an update on the following items:

- *The future of the technical college in Ballymoney;*
- *The current position re the St. Gobbans church in the Braddan'.*

19 THE DARK HEDGES

In accordance with Standing Order 12 (o) Councillor Clarke gave notice of items to be raised under Any Other Relevant Business.

'The Dark Hedges is one of the Borough's many outstanding assets, but unlike others the Hedges are under severe threat of being a victim of their own success as a tourist attraction.

Heavy visitor traffic from another busy tourist season is taking its' toll on the trees that make up the hedges whilst creating a dangerous mix of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

What progress has been made since Council agreed measures in March to ensure the Dark Hedges survive as a tourist attraction for decades to come, and to prevent what seems to be an inevitable accident at this tourism hotspot? What steps can this Council take to expedite the implementation of these measures agreed five months ago'?

The Head of Tourism and Recreation outlined the step process Council has undertaken to meet with relevant agencies, stakeholders and affected parties to alleviate further damage to the Dark Hedges and to address road safety concerns at the earliest possibility.

Councillor Clarke suggested Council write to the Minister and ask the Department that there would be no unnecessary delays to the process.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 10.41pm.