

**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2016**

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<b>5</b>	Peace IV Strategic Plan	<b>Approve</b>
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<b>12</b>	Ballymoney 3G Pitch	<b>Approve Business Case; Progress to Stage 3 subject to stated conditions &amp; award; provide contingency sum of 5%</b>
<b>13</b>	Any Other Relevant Business 13.2 Councillor Wilson	<b>Explore 'significant event' in Ballymoney</b>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF  
THE LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON  
TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7:00 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor Boyd Douglas
- Members Present** : Alderman - Hillis  
Councillors – Clarke, Deighan, Holmes, Knight-  
McQuillan, McCandless, McCorkell, McKillop, MA,  
McLean, McShane, C, Mulholland, Nicholl, Stevenson,  
Wilson
- Officers Present** : R Baker, Director, Leisure & Development  
P Caldwell, Capital Projects Manager  
M Edgar, Cultural Services Manager  
J Gray, Strategic Programme and Projects Manager  
D McBride, Project Manager  
J McCarron, PEACE IV Co-ordinator  
W McCullough, Head of Leisure, Wellbeing & Sport  
P Thompson, Head of Tourism & Recreation  
J Welsh, Head of Community & Culture  
S Duggan, Committee & Member Services
- In Attendance** : Press (1 no.)

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for The Mayor, Alderman Hickey.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**3 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2016**

The Chair advised the minutes of the meeting were adopted at the 23 August Council meeting.

Councillor Stevenson asked that it be noted that he was not entirely convinced he had seconded the Notice of Motion on the Road Racing Motorcycle Museum, Ballymoney (Item 15).

#### 4 IRISH LANGUAGE PROVISION

The Leisure and Development committee received a report to present options on future of Irish language provision within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. The report set out background information on Irish language provision by Limavady Borough Council - the only legacy council to make provision for the language; associated costs; current position with Foras na Gaeilge, the body responsible for the promotion of the language and current position with Mid Ulster District Council on sharing the cost of employing an Irish Language Officer. The report also set out Irish language profile and provision in Causeway Coast and Glens area.

There were two options available to Council, including:

- 1) That Council enters into a new contract with Mid Ulster District Council and funds a proportion of an Irish Language Officer's salary. Should Council wish to proceed on existing terms, and in the absence of a current funding scheme from Foras, costs for personnel time would equate to approximately £18,000 per annum, rising from circa 25% to 50% of staff costs.
- 2) That Council makes provision to continue to provide services as outlined in the report above through existing Council provision. This includes using existing Community and Culture resources to enable communities to access regional minority languages, including Irish Language, while accessing additional guidance and support from other relevant sections of Council in terms of legislative compliance and policy.

**It was recommended** that Council considers and agrees one of the options put forward in relation to Irish Language provision.

The Head of Community and Culture responded to Elected Member queries.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop

Seconded by Councillor Nicholl

To recommend that Council approve Option 2.

The Chair put the motion to the committee to vote, 5 voted for, 6 voted against the Chair declared the motion fallen.

- \* **Councillor Mulholland and Councillor C McShane arrived at the meeting at 7.20pm during consideration of the above matter.**

## 5 PEACE IV STRATEGIC PLAN

The Committee considered a report to seek approval from Members on the body of projects endorsed by the Peace IV Partnership to be included in the Causeway Coast and Glens Peace IV Business Plan.

**It was recommended** that Council is asked to approve the following projects in the Partnership's Business Plan as endorsed by the Causeway Coast and Glens Peace IV Partnership.

Theme – Children and Young People

<b>Project</b>	<b>Key Outcome</b>	<b>Indicative Budget</b>
<b>Cultural Identity Programme</b> Delivering a programme to learn more about their own and other cultures and traditions which will recognise, celebrate and increase understanding of their own and the culture and traditions of others.	Increase in the awareness of and sensitivity to the values, beliefs, customs and traditions of others.	274,155
<b>Developing our Young Leaders</b> Building Leadership and Capacity skills of CYP through an accredited qualification and Peer Leadership Programme.	Building capacity among young people.	124,000
<b>Leadership for a Shared Society for Youth Practitioners</b> Youth Practitioners - building their leadership skills and ability to mentor and positively influence the young people they work with.	More connected support systems for young people.	80,000
<b>Good Relations Early Years and Out of School Exploration Programmes</b> This programme will aim to complement other early intervention programmes but with a focus on the root causes division, prejudice, sectarian and racism that manifest themselves in the language and behaviour of children and young people, and the negative effects of this on their life chances.	Continued development of social and emotional skills for children and young people.	80,000 150,000
		<b>£708,155</b>

Theme - Shared Spaces and Services

<b>Project</b>	<b>Key Outcome</b>	<b>Indicative Budget</b>
<b>Fresh Opportunities Programme</b> Re-visit the facilities available in the entire borough, building agreements for	Developing the shared aspect of existing	800,000

development, sharing and cross community usage, as well as addressing issues such as flags and emblems as well as including small scale regeneration in villages or town centres.	neighbourhoods, public spaces and buildings.	
<b>Shaping Our Place</b> 20 Local communities engaged and supported through a Programme that enables them to reimage and reimagine and shape their own shared place.	Local initiatives that facilitate sustained shared usage of public spaces and buildings.	311,500
<b>Partnership Development and Learning</b> Programme which focuses on the role of the PEACE IV Partnership and how the principle of community partnership should be integrated into all activity as well as mainstreaming Peace Building within CCGC area.	Increased capacity and skill set of Partnership members.	80,000
		<b>£1,191,500</b>

#### Theme - Building Positive Relations

<b>Project</b>	<b>Key Outcome</b>	<b>Indicative Budget</b>
<b>Understanding Our Area</b> Utilising cultural activities including history, heritage and the arts, working with whole communities to better understand and express their own and others culture, history, community and place history.	Awareness of and sensitivity to the values, beliefs, customs and traditions of others.	400,000
<b>Civic Leadership</b> Programme focusing on the example that civic leaders set and how they lead our communities, as well as the importance of developing and maintaining the capacity of our Civic leaders to lead on Peace and Reconciliation.	Increased capacity of Civic leaders to be local figure heads for advancement of Peace and Reconciliation.	70,000
<b>Developing Communities - Leadership and Capacity</b> Developing the key influencers and community representatives across the Borough as well as developing the capacity of local communities to engage in Peace and Reconciliation work, focusing on those areas that have had limited engagement in the past.	Positive participation in community structures.  A more tolerant and inclusive society.	324,260
<b>Cultural and Community Institutions Programme</b>	Greater understanding,	100,000 200,000

Project focusing on the important positions held in our community by institutions such as Churches, GAA, Orange Institutions, Bands Forums, Irish Language and Ulster Scots organisations, and using their influence and footprint in the community as vehicles to help advance Peace and Reconciliation.	appreciation and acceptance of different traditions and backgrounds amongst the local community.	140,000 140,000
		<b>£1,374,260</b>

Proposed by Councillor McCorkell

Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

**AGREED** – as recommended.

## 6 PORTRUSH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The Committee received a report to update Members on the current situation regarding the appointment of the Integrated Consulting team for the Environmental Improvement Project in Portrush. It also seeks approval for the governance arrangements and planned public engagement/consultation approach for the scheme.

**It was recommended** that Members note the governance and structures of the Project and the timescales proposed.

**It was also recommended** that the annex circulated with the report be adopted as the approved engagement/consultation strategy for the project.

Proposed by Alderman Hillis

Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**AGREED** – as recommended; specifically that 10 members be appointed by d'Hondt to the Portrush Environmental Improvement Scheme Project Board.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised the following Items 7-11 inclusive were for information only.

## 7 AIRWAVES STEM REVIEW

A report was circulated to the Committee to provide Members with information relating to the STEM event at Airwaves which was new for 2016. The theme of the STEM Marquee was to engage and stimulate interest in science, technology,

engineering and maths subjects and potential careers. In addition to the marquee, the area also included the Education Authority STEM Module and the RAF's Skytech Asset – an augmented reality event space, which gives the virtual feel of being an RAF technician.

Based on feedback from both exhibitors and those visiting, it will be recommended that this element of the weekend's activities be continued and built upon.

Members noted the information report.

## **8 DEVELOPMENT OF THE CREATIVE SECTOR**

The Leisure and Development Committee received a report to outline some collaboration work between the economic development and culture/arts/heritage functions of Council.

It was recommended that work is progressed through the Prosperity and Place programme, in conjunction with the Cultural, Arts and Heritage programme, from the existing economic development budget. An update on the successful tender and subsequent programme recommendations will be brought to a future Leisure and Development Committee.

Members noted the information report.

## **9 CONNECTIVITY IN THE BOROUGH**

The Committee received a report to develop a first step to implementation a solution for some of the Borough's connectivity issues.

As a possible pre-cursor to a more detailed solutions report for some specific areas, Council requires a research report that examines the Council area as a whole and identifies those with the worst broadband service.

The outcomes from this will provide a proper snapshot of the problem, a focus on the borough's worst areas, a round-up on latest technical solutions and potential direction for the allocation of funding for this area of work for the Rural Development Programme.

Members welcomed the information report.

## **10 WORLD HOST PROGRAMME**

The Committee was advised that staff from Tourism and Economic Development recently met with Tourism NI representatives to discuss potential business support measures under the two organisations' respective remits.

All parties have identified a need to continue the roll-out of the World Host Programme, which was run previously in all the legacy Council areas. Especially in the run up to key events such as the Irish and British Opens.

Tourism NI has proposed to deliver this year's sessions to an audience of 30 providers at a cost of £80, with £20 sought from participants.

It is recommended that Council covers the cost for the 30 participants from the existing economic development budget, which has a specific tourism business development programme measure. This report has allowed for up to £1,000 from existing budgets to cover extra uptake should it occur.

Members noted the information report.

## **11 HALLOWEEN EVENTS**

The Committee received a report on proposals for Halloween festivities for 2016.

The committee was reminded that in 2015 Council had implemented an events programme for the Halloween period, which had taken place across the principal towns in the Borough. These were well received and included the addition of new activities in Ballymoney to include fireworks.

Members noted the information report.

### **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan

Seconded by Councillor Stevenson and

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

\* **Press left the meeting at 7.55pm.**

## **12 NEW 3G PITCH AT RIADA STADIUM, BALLYMONEY**

The Leisure and Development Committee received a confidential report seeking Members approval to progress the new 3G pitch at Riada Stadium in Ballymoney to Stage 3 of the Capital Programme Management System – appointment of a contractor and construction of the works.

**It was recommended** that the Leisure and Development Committee consider the Tender Report previously circulated and approves the following:

1) Approval of the Business Case presented for the project.



- 2) Subject to receipt of the Letter of Offer for the £350,000 of central government grant aid and granting of planning permission, this project progress to Stage 3 of the Capital Programme Management System, that is award of the construction contract appointing Haffey Sportsgrounds Ltd to carry out the works for the Tendered Sum of £443,886.20
- 3) Provision of a Contingency Sum in the value of 5% of the contract award to cover any eventualities during the works which could not have been reasonably foreseen.

The Capital Projects Manager presented an Addendum to the report.

Further information has been obtained in relation to the comparison of Metal Halide Floodlights vs LED Floodlights.

This information when factored into the comparative analysis decreases the payback period for LED Floodlights to 6.3 years which is within established Government investment guidelines for investment in new technology.

This addendum therefore recommends proceeding with the tender which incorporates the LED Floodlights for the sum of £474,386.20 (additional initial investment of £30,500.00)

{Tender incl. Metal Halide Floodlights	£443,886.20}
{Tender incl. LED Floodlights	£474,386.20}

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**AGREED** – as recommended, subject to the Addendum as set out.

**MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’**

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by Councillor McCorkell and

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

**13 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:

### 13.1 Councillor Chivers

*'Could I have an update on the play park audit for the Borough'.*

Response, Head of Leisure, Wellbeing and Sport:

Mapping of the location of existing play parks is complete.

Next steps;

- Overlay the mapping with statistics from NISRA which will plot the location of children and young people, as well as other potential socio-economically influencing factors.
- Measurement of the play value of each site and local consultation
- Combine results of the audit with an Implementation Plan to be presented to Council for future decision making relating to play provision.

### 13.2 Councillor Wilson

*1. 'Reinstatement of event previously known as Ballymoney Mayor's show;*

Proposed by Councillor Wilson

Seconded by Councillor Mclean and

**AGREED** – to recommend that the Officer explore the option of reinstating a 'significant event' in Ballymoney, in a timely manner to allow planning.

*2. Additional lighting within Riverside Park/Trim Trail Ballymoney'.*

The Director will refer the matter to the Head of Estates.

### 13.3 Councillor Stevenson

*'This committee receives a list of legacy projects approved to be done by all four legacy councils either in their rates setting process as capital projects or outside of this, relevant to this committee and that members are updated as to what stage they are at in progressing them in writing also.*

The Director of Leisure and Development advised of the forthcoming Capital Projects Workshop at which all information would be presented, as is process.

## 13.4 Councillor Clarke

### 13.4.1 Waterworld, Portrush:

*Can officers provide customer footfall, sales and cost information in relation to the Waterworld facility for the 2016, 2015 and 2014 seasons, and a commentary to explain variations in performance?*

Response, Head of Leisure, Wellbeing and Sport:

Projections for the 2016 season still to be collated and will be presented in a brief report form for Councillors by end of September however throughput figures for July 2016 show a decrease on previous years which is likely to be reflected in a reduced income. Expenditure is expected to reflect similar costs to 2015 season.

2015 Season:

Throughput	32,206,
Income	£113,666
Expenditure	£278,655

2014 Season

Throughput	36,953
Income	£121,834
Expenditure	£363,966

### 13.4.2 Events performance:

*Will officers provide a breakdown of costs and income relating to Airwaves and the Auld Lammas Fair events, 2016'?*

Response, Director of Leisure and Development

Airwaves £125,000  
Lammas Fair £15,000

Councillor Clarke sought a breakdown of the budgets - costs and sales to be circulated to Committee.

## **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by Councillor McLean and

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

**13.5** Councillor McLean

*'Information on the staff payment structure for events eg Air Show, Christmas etc'.*

The Head of Tourism and Recreation outlined the payment structure.

**MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'**

Proposed by Councillor McCorkell

Seconded by Councillor Stevenson and

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

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 9.04 PM

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Chair