

**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017**

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13	Christmas Switch on	Deliver 9 Switch On events; approve looking at new approach
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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF
THE LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017 AT 7:00 PM**

In the Chair: Councillor Duddy

Members Present: Alderman Hickey, Hillis, King and Robinson.
Councillors Chivers, Clarke, Deighan, Douglas,
McCandless, McLean, McShane, C, Mulholland,
Stevenson and Wilson

Officers Present: R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development
M Edgar, Cultural Services Manager
J Gray, SIB Project Manager
N Harkness, SIB Project Manager
J McCarron, PEACE IV Manager
W McCullough, Head of Sport and Wellbeing
P O'Brien, Funding Unit Manager
L Scullion, Community Development Manager
P Thompson, Head of Tourism and Recreation
J Welsh, Head of Community and Culture
S Duggan, Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance: Press (1 no.)

1. SUBSTITUTIONS

Councillor Wilson substituted for Councillor Baird; Alderman King substituted for Councillor Holmes for the transaction of business for the evening.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, offered his thoughts and prayers to Councillor Holmes, on learning Councillor Holmes' father was seriously ill in hospital.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillors Holmes and MA McKillop.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were recorded for Councillor Duddy in Capital Grants Programme.

5. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

The Chair advised the Minutes of the above meeting were confirmed at 26 September 2017 Council Meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

AGREED - to Change the Order of Business, to receive Arts Centre Business Model, In Committee, at the end of the meeting.

* **Councillor Clarke arrived at the meeting at 7.07 PM.**

6. PLAY STRATEGY

Report, Play Audit Summary report and Play Strategy Criteria Proposals circulated.

Committee was presented with a report updating members on the key findings of spatial analysis and play value audits and presented Members with the information to support a decision on the demographic criteria that could be applied to the anticipated Play Strategy.

One of the key issues to be resolved prior to the finalisation of the Draft Play Strategy for Member's consideration is the establishment of an underlying set of criteria to be applied by Council to support the identification of gaps in residential fixed play provision both now and in the future.

The establishment of appropriate criterion is of critical importance. By way of example, setting the demographic limit too high is likely to result in very little, if any future fixed play development and would impact more significantly on rural communities. Setting the level too low could result in levels of need being identified at multiple sites, impacting both financially (with increased capital expenditure required), potentially causing duplication of provision within settlements and mitigating councils desire to enhance high play value provision by spreading capital resources thinly to develop multiple, smaller, low play value sites.

It was also noted that public consultation highlighted that many residents are willing to travel further distances in order to access higher value play sites with a wider range of activities and support services. The paper set

out options and implications for 3 criteria and makes recommendations as follows:

Criterion 1: Radial Catchment

That council apply the ABS standards which, despite some concerns regarding their appropriateness in a Northern Ireland context are embedded within the planning system and have national recognition.

Criterion 2: Demographic Thresholds

In order to be eligible for consideration for fixed play provision:

- Urban areas would need to meet minimum threshold of 150 resident children or young people aged between 0 to 14.
- Rural areas would need to meet a minimum threshold of 50 children or young people aged 0 to 14 years.

Criterion 3: Residential Household Coverage

Apply existing planning regulation level of 100 units for LEAP fixed play development with tailored approach to meeting play need in areas below 100 units.

It is recommended that Members:

- Note the work undertaken to date to audit the Council's fixed provision.
- Agree the 3 criteria recommended above and approve their application to the upcoming Draft Play Strategy for Member's future consideration.

Councillor Mulholland referred to ongoing legacy work at Scally Park Loughgiel, and queried whether the recommendation would cease the Project. The Head of Wellbeing and Sport referred to a pragmatic approach to legacy issues, the Strategy would set parameters and safeguards surrounding an evidence based approach, acknowledging that if the project did not fall within the parameters, what Council may decide does not prevent the Group from accessing opportunities. Council would be content to work with the Community Group to source external funding, for example, that undertaken for Feeney Play Park and the Landfill Communities Fund.

The Head of Wellbeing and Sport acknowledged Alderman Hillis' reference to the Causeway DEA and the fact that there was an additional piece of work to complete regarding recreation facilities for the Portrush area.

Alderman King expressed disappointment that Macosquin was not included. The Head of Wellbeing and Sport advised the report had identified gaps in residential fixed play provision both now and in the

future; however, there were Play Parks recommended for maintenance and repair in which Macosquin had featured; that maintenance programme was an internal Estates action and therefore self-evident; advising the full report was available within the Members' Library.

Councillor McCandless sought clarification regarding working in partnership with schools, the SIB Project Manager advised that if available sites was an issue and there was out of school time opportunity and Community buy in, that area could be further explored.

Councillor C McShane queried the Ballycastle West land issues, the Head of Wellbeing and Sport advised that if there was a need identified, Council would have to look around and has worked with the Housing Executive, for example, with earlier schemes.

AGREED – to recommend that Council notes the work undertaken to date to audit the Council's fixed provision; Agree the 3 criteria recommended above and approve their application to the upcoming Draft Play Strategy for Member's future consideration.

- * **Councillor C McShane arrived at the meeting at 7.10 PM during consideration of the above matter.**

7. COUNCIL PRIORITISED PLAY PARK PROJECTS

Report and key decision points chart circulated.

Committee considered the next steps in relation to the proposed play parks in Aghadowey and Limavady.

It is recommended that Members:

1. Accept the convincing evidence from the Draft Play Audit and Strategy work that there is need for a new play park in Limavady and commission officers to undertake the necessary options appraisals and consultations for the completion of an OBC.
2. Agree to delay the development of an OBC for a possible play park in Aghadowey until the Council has agreed a Play Strategy and associated investment priorities.

Councillor Deighan queried the timescale for the Limavady Play Park, the Director advised the projects were priority for 2018/19.

Councillor Clarke felt the second part of the recommendation should not be delayed.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Alderman King

- to recommend that Council

1. Accept the convincing evidence from the Draft Play Audit and Strategy work that there is need for a new play park in Limavady and commission officers to undertake the necessary options appraisals and consultations for the completion of an OBC.
2. Proceed with the development of a Business Case for a proposed play park in Aghadowey.

Councillor Mulholland felt Councillor Clarke's motion would ignore the evidence; however, the Director of Leisure and Development advised any Business Case would be entirely evidence based.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland
Seconded by Councillor C McShane

– to recommend that Council

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2. Agree to delay the development of an OBC for a possible play park in Aghadowey until the Council has agreed a Play Strategy and associated investment priorities.

Councillor Chivers queried the second consultation process for Limavady, the Head of Wellbeing and Sport advised Council would be going back out to consult with the community for a preferred site for accommodating the Play Park.

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

The Chair put the substantive motion to the committee to vote, 9 Members voted For, 3 Members voted Against, the Chair declared the motion carried:

AGREED - to recommend that Council

1. Accept the convincing evidence from the Draft Play Audit and Strategy work that there is need for a new play park in Limavady and commission officers to undertake the necessary options appraisals and consultations for the completion of an OBC.

2. Proceed with the development of a Business Case for a proposed play park in Aghadowey.

8. REVIEW OF LEISURE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS APPRAISAL TOR

Report and draft amended Terms of Reference circulated.

Committee considered amendments to the approved Terms of Reference for the Options Appraisal of the Leisure Management, Project Board to include oversight of the Coleraine Leisure Centre project.

It is recommended that Members agree amendments to the responsibilities of the Project Board for Options Appraisal of Leisure Management to include the oversight of the Coleraine Leisure Centre project as per the proposed Terms of Reference, circulated.

AGREED – to recommend that Council agree amendments to the responsibilities of the Project Board for Options Appraisal of Leisure Management to include the oversight of the Coleraine Leisure Centre project as per the proposed Terms of Reference, circulated.

9. BALLYALLY YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Report and Strategic Outline Case circulated.

Committee considered the Strategic Outline Case in relation to Ballysally Youth & Community Centre.

The Strategic Outline Case identifies a number of options for moving forward that would be considered in detail as part of an Outline Business Case:

1. Do Nothing;
- 2(a). Refurbish existing building;
- 2(b). Renovate/ extend existing building;
3. Small Scale New Build Facility;
4. Large Scale New Build Facility;
5. New Build Facility at a different location.

The SOC also recommends a number of parallel actions:

- (a) The creation of a Users' Forum as a vehicle to focus on both increasing the usage of the centre by key stakeholder groups, and in order to build increased opportunities for collaboration in terms of both planning and delivery of locally based services for the benefit of the local community;

- (b) Structured dialogue should be prioritised with two key stakeholders, namely Surestart and NI Housing Executive, given the critical context of rising childcare and domestic housing demand.

Next Steps

If Council approves the Strategic Outline Case, the next step would be to progress to preparation of an Outline Business case with significant detail around identifying a 'preferred option' with full implementation implications such as finances required, management arrangements, risk assessment, marketing planning and post project evaluation. This would also involve robust consultation with key stakeholders around the preferred option to gain a clear consensus on future delivery arrangements.

Recommendation

- i. Prepare an Outline Business Case for Ballysally Youth & Community Centre that explores in detail the options identified in the Strategic Outline Case and identifies a preferred option;
- ii. Progress the other actions recommended in the Strategic Outline Case.

Proposed by Councillor McCandless
Seconded by Alderman Hillis

– to recommend that Council defer consideration for one month and arrange a day time site visit.

Amendment (overruled)

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by Councillor McLean

-to recommend that Council undertake an Audit of Need and Options Appraisal of Community Facilities for Coleraine town.

Deliberation arose on the proposed Amendment, whether it would be considered or otherwise, as it was noted the Item under consideration was Ballysally Youth and Community Centre and the proposed Amendment may be considered not relevant.

The Chair made a Ruling under Standing Order 16.1:

'An amendment must be legitimate and within the scope of the notice convening the meeting. It must not be a direct negative; must be relevant to the proposal which it seeks to amend, and not inconsistent with anything already agreed upon at the same meeting. An amendment must relate solely to the proposal which it seeks to amend, and not be, in effect, a new proposition on a different matter, and must not place a greater responsibility on the meeting than the original proposal'.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Alderman Robinson

- to recommend that Council;
 - i. Prepare an Outline Business Case for Ballysally Youth & Community Centre that explores in detail the options identified in the Strategic Outline Case and identifies a preferred option;
 - ii. Progress the other actions recommended in the Strategic Outline Case

The Chair put the Amendment to the Committee to vote, 5 Members voted For, 10 Members voted against, the Chair declared the Amendment lost.

The Chair put the Substantive motion to the Committee to vote, 10 Members voted for, 0 Members voted against, the Chair declared the motion carried:

AGREED – to recommend that Council defer consideration for one month and arrange a day time site visit.

10. GREYSTEEL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Report, condition report and Outline Business Case circulated.

The report sought a decision in relation to the Outline Business Case for Greysteel Community Centre, following the previous deferral from the August Leisure and Development Committee meeting.

It is recommended that Council proceeds with the preferred option identified in the Outline Business Case i.e. Option 6 - Do not replace Community Centre and support user groups through the transition to using The Vale Centre or other community facilities that may be available.

Councillor Chivers stated her Party could not support the Officer recommendation and referred to divisive issues between the Centres.

Proposed by Councillor Chivers

Seconded by Councillor Mulholland

- to recommend that Council approve option 3b, 'New Modular Building on existing Community Centre footprint'; subject to a Business Case.

Councillor Chivers requested a recorded vote.

Alderman Hillis supported the Officer recommendation.

Councillor Douglas, aware of the issues, felt the people of Greysteel should be encouraged to use the other facility; that Council could not take the route of spending money.

The Chair put the motion to the Committee to vote, 5 Members voted For, 9 members voted Against, the Chair declared the motion lost.

For Alderman Hickey
(5) Councillors Chivers, Deighan, C McShane, Mulholland

Against Alderman Hillis, King, Robinson
(9) Councillors Clarke, Douglas, Duddy, McCandless,
 McLean, Stevenson

The Chair put the recommendation to the Committee to vote, 9 Members voted For, 5 Members voted Against, the Chair declared the motion carried:

AGREED - to recommend that Council proceeds with the preferred option identified in the Outline Business Case i.e. Option 6 - Do not replace Community Centre and support user groups through the transition to using The Vale Centre or other community facilities that may be available.

11. FLOWERFIELD RESIDUARY INHERITANCE

Report circulated.

The report presented findings from the recent review of arts centres in relation to the residuary inheritance gifted to Flowerfield Arts Centre by the late John Onslow Springhall.

Review of Council's Arts Centres

The Strategic Investment Board (SIB) were appointed to carry out a review of Flowerfield Arts Centre and Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre in January 2017. They undertook an analysis of the service performance and value for money of the venues and facilitated stakeholder engagement to fully understand the provision. They examined current business and operating models and identified various options for Council to consider going forward. The Terms of Reference for this work also asked them to consider options of the use of the Flowerfield legacy fund. This work has now been completed and options presented.

Options

The SIB report acknowledges that £94,500 is a significant sum of money and presents an opportunity to explore a diverse range of ambitious projects and activities that could raise the profile of Flowerfield and have long term, far reaching benefits.

Potential concepts considered during a staff workshop held in April 2017 included:

- Glass studio.
- Artist in residence programme.
- Flowerfield summer school retreat.
- International Bursary Scheme.

Taking into consideration the findings of the report, the Council's Cultural Strategy and recent consultation, and the stipulation of Mr Springhall's will that the residuary inheritance should be applied "towards the teaching of arts and crafts at the centre", an 'Artist in Residence Programme' has emerged as a concept which has the potential to generate measureable and meaningful outcomes which could bring about positive and lasting change, including:

- Raising Flowerfield's profile on both local and national platforms.
- Audience development.
- Community engagement and outreach.
- Generating additional income.

Recommendation

That Council approve the use of the Flowerfield legacy fund for an Annual Artist in Residence Programme.

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the use of the Flowerfield legacy fund for an Annual Artist in Residence Programme.

12. 1718 WORKING GROUP

Report and Annex, detailing Programmes and Activities for 1718 Emigration were circulated.

The purpose of the report was to progress the amended Notice of Motion as agreed by Council in August 2017, in relation to the recognition of the three hundred year anniversary of the emigration from the Bann Valley to America:

'That this Council recognises the three hundredth anniversary of the emigration of over 700 Presbyterians from the Bann valley to Boston, America in the summer of 1718.

Rev James McGregor from Aghadowey Presbyterian Church, was the leader of the group which left Coleraine and emigrated to America.

Over the next two years approximately 2,600 Ulster Scots travelled to New England, and over the next 50 years and estimated 200,000 – 250,000 followed them to the New World.

This small group of men, women, and children who landed in Boston in 1718 can be regarded as the Ulster-Scots equivalent of the 'Pilgrim Fathers'.

To celebrate this momentous historic event, within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area, monies should be set aside to permit groups to apply for, through council's grant funding process'

Following on from the Notice of Motion agreed by Council, furthermore, that this Council considers supporting these groups hoping to provide a legacy to the momentous event by way of a permanent monument or land markers to mark the significance of this anniversary in a lasting manner and in order to re-establish links with the descendants of the immigrants in America that this Council consider a twinning or sister city relationship with the areas of the settlements in America.'

Staff have identified a range of potential stakeholders/partners engaged in both existing and emerging initiatives who could work alongside Council to develop a suitable programme by which to recognise the three hundred year anniversary of the emigration from the Bann Valley to America.

It is proposed that Council approve a working group with the following broad terms of reference:

Purpose/Role of the Working Group

To act as an advisory group, supporting the development of a proposed programme of activity that takes cognisance of the Notice of Motion and its amendments, in order to recognise the three hundred year anniversary of the emigration from the Bann Valley to America.

- To identify resource requirements to deliver an agreed programme of activity;
- To share best practice in terms of existing initiatives and approaches;

- To promote co-ordination and collaboration in terms of delivery of a range of activity, avoiding duplication of effort.

Membership

Membership is established on the basis of key organisations and individuals who can contribute to the agreed priorities of the working group and who bring relevant skills and expertise. Membership may initially include:

- Members of Council's Leisure & Development Committee - numbers to be agreed;
- Ulster Scots Agency;
- University of Ulster;
- Ulster History Foundation;
- Garvagh Cultural Society;
- Garvagh Museum;
- Scotti Rooms, Cuil Rathain;
- The Honourable the Irish Society;
- Other relevant stakeholders as per agreement of Council.

The group will be facilitated by Council staff which will include representation from Cultural Services and Tourism & Recreation, who will feed back recommendations through the Leisure & Development Committee on a regular basis.

Councillor Douglas stated references should be made to the Causeway Coast and Glens area and not just the Bann Valley.

Recommendation

1. Members consider the report, proposed working group structure and associated terms of reference;
2. Members agree the composition of the working group, including representation from the Leisure & Development Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Alderman Robinson and

AGREED – to recommend that Council

1. Approve the report, proposed working group structure and associated terms of reference;
2. Agree the composition of the working group, including representation of 6 Members by d'Hondt from the Leisure & Development Committee.

13. CHRISTMAS SWITCH ON

Report circulated.

Committee was presented with proposals for the delivery of pre-Christmas activities by Council's Tourism and Recreation Events team.

For 2017 the consensus from Elected Members was that the Tourism and Recreation Events team in conjunction with the Funding Unit deliver the programme presented in 2016, with Council run 'festive switch on' events in the following locations.

- Ballycastle
- Ballymoney
- Coleraine
- Dungiven
- Garvagh
- Kilrea
- Limavady
- Portrush
- Portstewart

In addition, a 2017 Christmas Festivities Grant should be administered for settlements not captured in the above, and this would be open to geographically located Community Groups to make applications based on the same terms as the 2016 Christmas Festivities Grant. It is anticipated that this will be administered in conjunction with the Funding Unit and up to 60 applications may be received.

Recommendation

The Leisure and Development Committee are asked to consider the findings from the Elected Members workshop, and approve that for 2017 Council's Tourism and Recreation Events Team deliver nine 'switch on events' in the towns across the Borough as listed, along with the promotion and administration of the Christmas Festivities Grant following the same format as 2016.

In addition, approval is sought to look at a new approach whereby the Tourism and Recreation Service, the Community and Culture Services Team and the Funding Unit identify ways for greater involvement and potentially the delivery of the Christmas Events by the Community Sector, with officers reporting back to the Leisure and Development Committee early in 2018 for consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by Alderman Hillis and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the findings from the Elected Members workshop, and approve that for 2017 Council’s Tourism and Recreation Events Team deliver nine ‘switch on events’ in the towns across the Borough as listed, along with the promotion and administration of the Christmas Festivities Grant following the same format as 2016;

In addition, that Council look at a new approach whereby the Tourism and Recreation Service, the Community and Culture Services Team and the Funding Unit identify ways for greater involvement and potentially the delivery of the Christmas Events by the Community Sector, with officers reporting back to the Leisure and Development Committee early in 2018 for consideration.

The Head of Tourism & Recreation advised the Funding Unit would be progressing a call for applications following ratification of committee’s recommendation at the October Council meeting.

Councillor Duddy invited Councillor Douglas to assume the Chair and left the Chamber at 8.15 PM.

14. CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAMMES

Report circulated along with Annexes, Table of Application Scores and Summary of Stage 2 Applications.

The Committee was presented with recommended grant decisions for the Capital Grants Programme 2017-18.

It is recommended that:

1. Members approve the offer of awards to the applicant clubs as follows:

Applicant:	Award Value:
Portstewart Regeneration & Cultural Group Ltd	£60,000
St. Matthew’s Drumsurn GAC	£69,000
Loughgiel Shamrocks GAC	£294,587.50

2. Officers apply the normal capital grant management processes and preconditions as appropriate to the specific circumstances of each project.

3. That the remaining budget of £326,421.50 is used to support other Council prioritised capital projects.

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland
Seconded by Councillor C McShane and

AGREED – to recommend that Council

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3. That the remaining budget of £326,421.50 is used to fund other Council prioritised capital projects.

Councillor Clarke, referring to Council's obligations under Section 75, stated 77% of the funds in the Scheme benefitted one side of the community and it was not having the same impact on the other side of the community. Councillor Clarke questioned if any work had been undertaken to broaden the Scheme to the Unionist community.

The Funding Unit Manager responded, the Guidelines and Grant Funding Policy had undertaken an EQIA.

The Head of Wellbeing and Sport confirmed that support and mentoring is available to all groups to further develop capacity relevant to the application process.

Proposed by Alderman Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Stevenson and

AGREED – to recommend that the remaining budget of £326,421.50 is used to fund other Council prioritised capital projects, starting with Limavady Diversity Park.

Councillor Douglas left the Chair.

- * **Councillor Duddy returned to the Chamber at 8.30 PM and assumed the Chair.**

15. SIF COMMUNITY PREMISES SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Information report circulated, updating committee on grant awards made in the legacy Limavady Borough through the Community Premises support Programme, funded by Social Investment Fund (SIF).

The Community Premises Support Programme is a project from the legacy Limavady Borough Council which was awarded funding through the Western SIF Zone, made up of the legacy Council areas of Limavady, Fermanagh, Omagh and Strabane.

A list of approved projects in the Limavady area was circulated.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Chivers
Seconded by Alderman Hickey and

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

* **Press left the meeting at 8.31 PM.**

16. ARTS CENTRE BUSINESS MODEL

Report and Business Model/Framework and Associated Business Plan for Council's Arts Centres was circulated.

The purpose of the report was to approve the Business Model/Framework for Council's Arts Centres (Flowerfield & Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre), including the recommendations of business plan therein.

Recommendation

To approve the proposed Business Model/Framework for Council's Arts Centres (Flowerfield & Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre), including the 5 year plan to implement the model.

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the proposed Business Model/Framework for Council's Arts Centres (Flowerfield & Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre), including the 5 year plan to implement the model.

17. PEACE IV APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL DELIVERY AGENTS

Confidential report circulated.

Committee approval was sought to appoint the successful bidders following the PEACE IV External Delivery Agents public procurement exercise.

Recommendations

That Council is asked to approve the appointment of the PEACE IV Delivery Agents as listed in the tables above (circulated).

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the appointment of the PEACE IV Delivery Agents as listed in the tables above (circulated).

18. COLERAINE HARBOUR

Confidential report circulated.

It is recommended the Leisure and Development Committee approve that;

- Council formally request that the Coleraine Harbour Commissioners consider the viability of Coleraine Harbour and what future use of the site is in the best interest of the area. Specifically; that the Harbour Commissioners decide whether the strategic future of the harbour remains as a Trust Port or whether an opportunity exists to create a high quality, river front, urban regeneration scheme on the site.
- If the Harbour Commissioners decide to pursue the transfer to Council and regeneration then the following work will proceed;
 - Drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the convergence of intention between Council and the Commissioners to set the conditions for optimised regeneration and to inform the Department of the direction of travel.
 - Jointly setting the Terms of Reference of the study.
 - Procuring the study (and cost allocation).
 - Agree Timescales.
- Once this work has progressed, officers will bring back the draft MoU and study terms of reference, costs and timescales to Members for approval to proceed.

The Director of Leisure and Development responded to queries and confirmed there was no recommendation to spend money at this initial stage. Alderman Hickey voiced concerns surrounding liabilities.

Proposed by Alderman Hillis
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve that;

- Council formally request that the Coleraine Harbour Commissioners consider the viability of Coleraine Harbour and what future use of the site is in the best interest of the area. Specifically; that the Harbour Commissioners decide whether the strategic future of the harbour remains as a Trust Port or whether an opportunity exists to create a high quality, river front, urban regeneration scheme on the site.
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19. BENONE TOURIST COMPLEX – MARKET TEST GLAMPING FACILITIES

Confidential report circulated.

It is recommended that Council advertise for expressions of interest for the development and operation of Glamping facilities at Benone Tourist Complex and once received, officers bring back an evaluation report to inform Members decision on the way ahead.

Discussion arose surrounding the advantages and disadvantages of Council operated Glamping facilities at Benone Tourist Complex.

Proposed by Councillor Chivers
Seconded by Councillor Deighan

- to recommend that Council advertise for expressions of interest for the development and operation of Glamping facilities at Benone Tourist

Complex and once received, officers bring back an evaluation report to inform Members decision on the way ahead.

Alderman Hickey did not support the motion and stated the new Caravan Park management system required time to be implemented and did not understand what would be achieved through advertising for Expressions of Interest.

- * **Alderman King left the meeting at 9 PM.**
- * **Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 9.10 PM during consideration of the above matter.**

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Alderman Hillis
Seconded by Councillor Chivers and

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

20. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12. (O)

Under Standing Order 12. (o) the following Items were considered:

20.1 Councillor Stevenson (Defibrillators)

'To give an update on the provision of defibrillators across the borough, and how what was agreed at leisure and development committee on Tuesday, 8th December, 2015, item 13, and passed by full Council has been implemented'.

The Head of Wellbeing and Sport provided an update of the current position; 15 defibrillators were identified at Leisure Centres, dry side sports facilities, 3G and astro-turf facilities. The Head of Wellbeing and Sport also referred to the Sport NI initiative of Summer 2016 where 92 sports clubs took ownership of defibrillators and also referred to the current Henderson Group initiative across N Ireland. Officers continue to work with Sports Clubs to access training to house defibrillators on site, however caution was urged that there were hidden costs, and ongoing commitments with a legal responsibility for maintenance and regular checks.

Councillor Stevenson stated his dissatisfaction that beaches and public areas for example Riverside Park, Ballymony were not fitted out with defibrillators.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised Council did not have a statutory responsibility for the function and was a significant undertaking. Councillor Stevenson was further advised the second part of the Notice of Motion referred to, was within the remit of the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee.

20.2 Councillor Stevenson (Christmas TV advert)

'To give an update on what was agreed at the full council meeting on Tuesday 26th January, 2016, item 8.2, and if there are any plans for a Christmas television advert this year'.

The Head of Tourism & Recreation provided an update on press releases issued to local and regional media focusing on Council events, initiatives, and achievements and ongoing monthly features.

Last year's Christmas promotion was extensive, and included a dedicated space on the Council website which covered towns and villages across the Borough; with press releases issued for the four main towns, where the shopping offering was complimented by free family friendly entertainment as an added draw, while Christmas lights switch-on events and the Christmas lights themselves were used an opportunity to successfully generate further media coverage.

20.3 Councillor Douglas (Changing Facilities, Burnfoot)

'Can Officers provide the Committee with update on the replacement of changing facilities at Burnfoot and confirm if planning permission has been approved?'

Councillor Douglas provided a background explanation to the query, that Limavady Borough Council had agreed the Changing facilities approximately five years ago and he had felt let down.

The Head of Wellbeing and Sport advised work was ongoing in this area; the Pitch Audit was ongoing and initial findings had been presented. Prioritised projects would have a business case considered and be evidence based.

20.4 Councillor Clarke (The Dark Hedges)

'Despite the recent introduction of road signage, the destruction at the Dark Hedges continues unabated, as does risks to health and safety of road users. The visitor experience remains poor.'

In August it was agreed to invite the local head of DfI Roads & other interested stakeholders to a L&D committee meeting. Has Mr Porter been invited to this committee, along with others? What has the responses been and when will this meeting take place?

Councillor Clarke referred to the Department for Infrastructure's recent announcement since his submission of business; announcing a ban on cars using the Bregagh Road from 30 October 2017. However, Councillor Clarke stated, there remains a Health and Safety issue, as the public need to find somewhere else to park and enhancing the Visitor Experience should be pursued.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised a Special Leisure & Development Committee meeting, as previously agreed would now be scheduled inviting key stakeholders.

The Chair thanked the Head of Tourism & Recreation for his work in this regard.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 9.51 PM.

Chair