

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF DUNGANNON & SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26 MARCH 2012 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, CIRCULAR ROAD, DUNGANNON**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** In the Chair, Councillor Gildernew (Chair)  
  
Councillors Ashton, Brush, F Burton, R Burton (8.17pm), Cuddy (7.55pm) Daly, Donnelly, Gillespie, McGahan, McGonnell, McGuigan, McLarnon, Monteith (7.35pm) Mulligan, O'Neill, Reid, Robinson,

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mr Frazer, Director of Development  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer  
Mr Clarke Community Services Manager  
Ms Linney Corporate Strategy and Policy Officer

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Cavanagh & Hamilton

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Agenda Item 1 Presentation by representatives of Clanmil Housing Association

Mr Martin Magee Housing Manager

**1 PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF CLANMIL HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

The Chair welcomed Mr Martin Magee Housing Manager with Clanmil Housing Association to the meeting. The representative delivered a presentation (appendix 1) following which he responded to Members questions.

(Councillors Monteith entered the meeting at 7.35pm & Cuddy at 7.55pm)

The Chair thanked Mr Magee for the presentation following which he withdrew from the meeting at 7.58 pm.

**2 REPORT**

The report (appendix 2) of the Director of Development was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

## **2.1 Strategic Approvals (Section 1)**

### **2.1.1 Lands at Killymaddy - Tourism Panda Cross Community Play Group (1.1.1)**

The Director of Development drew attention to the detail as outlined in the report regarding the valuation received from Lands and Property Services in relation to lands at Killymaddy TIC and sought approval of same.

Proposed by Councillor F Burton  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council that approval as sought by the Director of Development be granted.

### **2.1.2 Biodiversity Duty (1.2.1)**

The Director of Development sought approval for response prepared by Biodiversity Officer regarding consultation by Department of Environment of draft 'Biodiversity Duty – Guidance for Public Bodies' document.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council that approval as sought by the Director of Development be granted.

## **2.2 Operational Approvals (Section 2)**

### **2.2.1 Blackwater Regional Partnership (2.1.1)**

The Corporate Strategy and Policy Officer drew attention to updates detailed in the report and further advised that ICBAN is currently challenging the Intereg application process as none of their applications submitted were successful.

### **2.2.2 Community Safety Warden Funding (2.1.2)**

In response to Members question the Corporate Strategy and Policy Officer advised that the Community Safety Warden post was funded by Community Safety Unit and Police Service of Northern Ireland.

### **2.2.3 Rural Development (2.1.4)**

In response to Members questions the Corporate Strategy and Policy Officer reminded officers that Aughnacloy Development Association had opted to take the lead on their application however due to inclusion of a Play Park it may have to be transferred to Council at a later date.

### **2.2.4 South Tyrone Landfill Tax Programme (2.3.1)**

The Director of Development withdrew item 2.3.1 from the report.

### **2.2.5 Community Support – Strategic Partnership Events (2.4.1)**

The Director of Development tabled addendum regarding strategic partnership events (appendix 3) advising that the original list of applicants had included Clogher Valley Show but the application had been withdrawn and proposal for Council to host on an annual basis for example the Equestrian element or similar event as part of the overall show to be investigated.

Members discussed the distribution of the surplus as grants award total £15,156 whilst there had been £17000 budget. In response to Members questions the Director advised that no one applicant could benefit from the surplus monies, that money awarded to Dungannon & District Motor Cycle Club Ltd had been reduced year on year as applicants had increased, that surplus money could be used to sponsor an event at Clogher Valley Show with additional required being met from reserves. It was suggested that grants as detailed be approved and the Director give an update to the Council in April as to the distribution of surplus amount together with proposal for Clogher Valley Show.

Proposed by Councillor Reid  
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

Resolved That

- (i) Strategic Partnership Events Grants be allocated as detailed in addendum (appendix 3); and
- (ii) Director of Development bring a report to Council meeting in April re distribution of surplus budget ie £1844 and proposal for Clogher Valley Show event support.

### **2.2.6 Community Development – Citizens Advice Bureau Service Level Agreement**

Members expressed concern regarding the shortfall of approximately £18k funding for the Citizens Advice Bureau and in response to questions the Director of Development advised that Council had met the shortfall last year but could not continue to do so year on year, it was further noted that there was not a uniform approach to how citizens advice was funded as Dungannon provided 40% whilst other areas provided more or less.

(Councillor R Burton entered the meeting at 8.17pm)

The Community Services Manager advised that SWARD funding for rural advice would help address the demand for advice services in the area. It was also noted that although the Minister for Social Development had issued statement regarding available funding due to unclaimed benefits it was not ringfenced for Citizens Advice.

(Councillor Monteith left the meeting at 8.20pm)

### **2.2.7 Branry Bard Cultural Activity Centre Service Level Agreement (2.5)**

The Director of Development sought approval to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Branry Bard Cultural Activity Centre ie financial contribution of £5000. In response to Members question the Director advised that the agreement would be subject to the same monitoring procedures of all service level agreements.

Proposed by Councillor Daly  
Seconded by Councillor McGonnell and

**Resolved** That approval as sought by the Director of Development be granted.

### **2.2.8 Irish Language (2.6)**

The Director of Development advised that the Irish Language Officer had taken a secondment opportunity with the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure to promote Líofo 2015 and that a replacement would be sought. It was noted that the officer had done an excellent job in promoting both the Irish Language and Ulster Scots.

### **2.2.9 Corporate Strategy & Policy – Corporate Plan (2.8.1)**

The Corporate Strategy and Policy Officer advised that the corporate plan was for the years 2012-2015 and was currently with the printer, that a meeting was scheduled with all Members for the 4 April 2012 at which time the final draft would be available for comment. In response to Members questions re monitoring of performance the Officer advised that as it was linked to the budget it would be monitored every six months through Acting Chief Executive. It is hoped that the Corporate Plan would be signed off at April meeting of Council.

### **2.2.10 Broadband Update (2.7)**

Member welcomed the allocation of £1000 to host event in relation to progressing broadband issue.

### **2.2.11 Policy (2.8.2)**

Member sought update regarding progress on lobbying to ensure heating alternatives in homes eg fire and oil heating.

In response to request from Member to support Clogher Cathedral in progressing way forward with Roads Service in relation to narrow footpaths at side of cathedral the Chair advised that a copy of the response would have to be presented to the meeting prior to support being granted.

### **2.2.12 Economic Development**

In response to Members question the Director of Development advised that monies to promote Enterprise Zone were made available in Northern Ireland through the devolved government as a region.

### **2.2.13 Community Planning and Consultation (2.8.5)**

In relation to application reference M/2011/0204/PREAPP Member sought advice as to whether it would impact Councils waste management.

## **2.3 Correspondence (Section 3)**

### **2.3.1 Castle Hill Bilingual Signage (3.1)**

The Director of Development submitted two letters as undernoted

- (i) Helen McRory dated 12 March 2012– requesting that signage and historical information be presented in both English and Gaelic ;
- (ii) Chairperson Gaelic League dated 13 March 2012 – requesting that Council uses bilingual signage ie English and Gaelic in shared public properties and in particular the O'Neill site at Castle Hill.

The Director reported on receipt of the correspondence he had met with Pobal and the design team re impact on the exhibition. Also given that the part of the site is leased and conditions have to be adhered to a way forward would be to have bilingual signage on Council owned areas and as bilingual in written form on the exhibition would impact on content due to space restrictions have Gaelic in electronic form.

In response to Members questions the Director advised that the Irish language was different to other languages such as Ulster Scots as it came under a European Charter; that the Ulster Scots Agency was now placing more emphasis on promotion of culture as opposed to the language and that marketing would be in a variety of languages. It was stated that both Irish and Ulster Scots should be incorporated on the site. The Director sought agreement in principle to incorporate Irish Language and provision for other languages including Ulster Scots at Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly Arts and Visitor Centre.

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor McLarnon and

**Resolved** That agreement in principle to incorporate Irish Language and provision for other languages including Ulster Scots at Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly Arts and Visitor Centre be granted subject to costings.

### **2.3.2 Dungannon Park Car Parking & Toursim Signage**

In response to Members questions the Director of Development advised that improved car parking facilities at Dungannon Park and signage regarding Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly Arts and Visitor Centre were incorporated in Northern Ireland Tourist Board funding application

### **2.3.3 Riverdale Football Club (3.1)**

The Director of Development submitted letter received from Riverdale Football Club dated 15 March 2012 regarding the financial difficulties

being experienced by the Club in trying to retain standard of facilities to play in the Mild Ulster League. The Director reported he had met with the club and without Council support it was facing closure and suggested that Officers meet on site with Club Officials to seek a way forward possibly by assisting with repairs in the existing building.

**Resolved** That the Director of Development meet with Riverdale Football Club.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Kim Ashton recorded an interest in Mid Ulster Business Awards.

### **2.3.4 Mid Ulster Business Awards (3.1)**

The Director of Development submitted email received from Peter Bayne of the Tyrone Times dated 22 March 2012 proposing that the Mid Ulster Business Awards 2012 be held on the Hill of the O'Neill on Wednesday 26 September 2012 in the marquee that Council plan to have on site with Council providing all facilities and logistics to include public liability. The awards would be branded Mid Ulster Business Awards in Association with Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council. Council to receive

- Branding on all in paper pre-promotion plus a paragraph of editorial;
- Promotion in the 'in paper launch';
- Branding on printed entry forms;
- Branding at the launch event;
- Branding on video screens at the event;
- Half page advert in the post event supplement;
- Council representative in all award photographs
- Ten tickets (full table) to the Awards ceremony

The sponsorship cost would be £3500 plus vat and additional would be

- A full page advert in the supplement instead of a half page;
- Name attached to an individual award – plus £100; and
- Wine reception with logo in the bar area – plus £600.

(The Corporate Strategy Policy Officer left the meeting at 8.50pm)

The Director advised he had met with the Editor of Tyrone Times and two representatives of the Awards and that Cookstown and Magherafelt District Councils had also been approached for sponsorship. Members

suggested that Council should only progress if other two Councils agreed to sponsor event as previous year Dungannon was the sole Council sponsor. It was also queried if Council should be sponsoring to same level as the venue would be supplied by Council. Following discussion it was suggested that Council agree in principle and that the Director progress further negotiations with Mid Ulster Business Awards representatives.

**Resolved** That Council sponsorship of the Mid Ulster Business Awards be agreed in principle subject to the three Councils sponsoring the event and that the Director of Development progress further negotiations with Mid Ulster Business Awards representatives.

Member stated that he opposed funding of alcohol.

### **2.3.5 CCTV – Fivemiletown (3.1)**

The Director of Development submitted letter received from Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce dated 3 March 2012 requesting that Council uses its influence to get the PSNI to upgrade and reactivate the CCTV equipment as soon as possible. The Director reported that the PSNI require Council approval to use the equipment which would be monitored through a private company.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

**Resolved** That approval be granted for the PSNI to use the equipment which would be monitored through a private company.

### **2.3.6 Muíntír na Moínteach Ltd**

The Director of Development submitted letter received from Muíntír na Moínteach Ltd dated 20 March 2012. The letter requested match funding to the value of £2400 plus VAT for environmental works at the project based at Washingbay DC. The Director reminded Members that Council owned the property which was leased to the group and further advised that the request could be met from a surplus in the budget as monies from former Northwest Passage had been recouped from Omagh District Council.

**Resolved** That request for match funding to the value of the surplus recouped from NWP regarding Muíntír na Moínteach Ltd environmental works be granted.



### **3 ADOPTION OF REPORT**

**Resolved** That the report of the Director of Development be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

### **4 CASTLE HILL OFFICIAL OPENING SUB COMMITTEE – 20 MARCH 2012**

#### **4.1 Marketing Campaign – Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly Arts and Visitors Centre**

The Director of Development tabled the marketing campaign (appendix 4) and in response to Members questions advised that he was awaiting assurances in writing as to the completion and handing over date of the contract.

#### **4.2 Ranfurly Arts & Visitors Centre – Hall of Fame**

The Director of Development updated Members on the suggested names to be included in the 'Hall of Fame' and advised that currently there were 18 names suggested (detailed at appendix 5) but given available room it would be preferable to have 12 in total. Discussion ensued during which it was suggested that James Dilworth and Ryan Farquhar should be included and to facilitate this, the Oliver Brothers should be removed. The Director also advised that periodically the content could be changed at which times suggestions such as John Finlay could be incorporated.

**Resolved** That the Director of Development progress the Hall of Fame as per appendix 5 with the undernoted amendments

- (i) removal of the Oliver Brothers;
- (ii) inclusion of James Dilworth and Ryan Farquhar.

#### **4.3 Adoption of Minute**

The Director of Development sought adoption of the minutes of Castle Hill Official Opening Sub Committee

Member requested an amendment to 1.2 to read 'that budget was £16000' and not £9500 as reported.

**Resolved** That subject to the foregoing the minutes of Castle Hill Official Opening Sub Committee held on Tuesday 20 March 2012, having been printed and circulated, be adopted.

#### **4.4 General Shields**

Member advised the meeting that a statue of General James Shields stood in that National Statuary Hill in Washington DC and requested that the possibility of the statue being returned to the Borough be investigated.

**Resolved** That the possibility of statue of General James Shield being returned to the Borough be investigated

### **5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)**

Member asked for the rationale as to why the Policing and Community Safety Partnership was being moved under the remit of Human Resources in the proposed structure the Member stated that no other Council had it placed in Human Resources and also spoke highly of the excellent progress that the Community Safety Partnership had made under the remit of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Officer.

Councillors Daly and O'Neill left the meeting at 8.05 pm and 8.06 pm respectively)

In response the Director of Development stated that it was a matter for the Strategic Support Services Committee and that Councillors should have received a report detailing the new structures and rationale.

Another Member read from the report stating that it did not give a clear rationale on this matter.

In response the Director emphasised it was for discussion at the Strategic Support Services Committee on Wednesday 28 March and that Councillors would make the ultimate decision. Members stated they were not satisfied with the proposal in the report and asked that an alternative plan be provided.

Proposed by Councillor F Burton  
Seconded by Councillor B McGahan and

**Resolved** That an alternative plan be provided with regard to the placing of Policing and Community Safety Partnership in the proposed restructuring.

**5.2 Gortgonis Centre**

Member raised concern regarding anti social behaviour in the vicinity of the Gortgonis Centre and also signage for same. The Director of Development stated he would meet with Member to progress issues.

**6 DURATION OF MEETING**

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 9.10 pm.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

CHIEF EXECUTIVE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Acting)