

## COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a **SPORT & LEISURE MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

**Present:** T Wilson, Esq., Chairman

**Councillors** Clarke, Glasgow, MBE, Kelly, Lees, Mallaghan, Mayo, McAleer, McCartney, McCrea, McElhone, McFlynn, McGarvey, Mclvor, McNamee, and Quinn.

**Officers** Chief Executive (Acting)  
Director of Operational Services  
Leisure Services Manager  
Sports Services Manager  
Director of Operational Services' Secretary

### 1. LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

A copy of the above report has previously been circulated. The Committee adopted the report together with the following matters contained therein.

#### 1.1 General Income / Usage

Income for the period February – March has increased by £6,981.15, the usage by 2,355 on the same period last year and the usage figures and annual income increased by 23,250 and £114,347.75 (exc. VAT) respectively during the past financial year, all to be commended given the economic downturn.

#### 1.2 Fitness Suite Memberships and Cancellations

12 six-monthly Memberships have been sold since the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.

#### 1.3 Official Opening of Fitness Suite Extension

The official opening of the Extension to the Fitness Suite will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May and invitations will be issued shortly.

#### 1.4 Online Booking Software Installation

New software to enable online bookings for the Leisure Centre is to be installed during May. Following staff training on this system availability of the online service will be advertised.

## **1.5 BALLYRONAN MARINA AND BATTERY HARBOUR - Income (April – March 2011 – 1012)**

Income recorded for the year was down slightly on the previous year, this is attributed to the closure for refurbishment of the Caravan Amenity Block and the Jetties from October 2011.

## **1.6 Olympic Flame Event – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

The Olympic Flame will be arriving from Antrim across Lough Neagh into Ballyronan Marina on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 1.14 p.m. An event is proposed from 12:00 - 1.30 p.m. attended by local schools, community groups and other groups. The event to include Sumba, Tai Chi, group exercise, radio roadshow, circus entertainers, food, etc.

On the proposal of Cllr McGarvey, seconded by Cllr Quinn the Committee AGREED to the proposed expenditure of £5,060.00 for the event.

## **1.7 MONEYMORE RECREATION CENTRE – Income and Usage**

Income of £15,542.09 and usage of 12,002 for this year are both down slightly on the previous year.

## **1.8 AXIS 3 Potential Strategic Project**

In order to make any applications for funding for provision of further facilities within Moneymore Recreation Centre a Green Book Appraisal is required at an approx. cost of £6K. This Appraisal would be viable for 1 year.

On the proposal of Cllr McGarvey, seconded by Cllr McAleer the Committee AGREED to the request to obtain a Green Book Appraisal for Moneymore Recreation Centre.

## **1.9 Resurfacing and Fencing at Moneymore Recreation Centre**

The Committee AGREED that an application be made to the Landfill Community Fund to enable the resurfacing and fencing of a derelict area to the rear of the Centre at an approx. cost of £35k.

## **1.10 PLAY PARKS – Parkview Play Area Photocall**

A photocall is to be organised during May at Parkview Play Area.

## **1.11 A.O.B. – Leisure Industry Week**

On the proposal of Cllr McNamee, seconded by Cllr Quinn the Committee AGREED to the attendance of two officers at the Leisure Week, September 2012.

## **2. SPORTS SERVICES REPORT**

A copy of the above report has previously been circulated. The Committee adopted the report together with the following matters contained therein.

### **2.1 Income**

Income during the months February and March 2012 of £30,808.71 showed an increase on the same period last year.

### **2.2 MUSA Prices**

The Committee AGREED to the proposal of direct debit monthly membership for the Strength & Conditioning Room introduced at a cost of £20 per month for a 12 month period.

### **2.3 Block Bookings**

Block bookings commenced on 12 March and run until 27<sup>th</sup> May, with the lack of changing rooms continuing to be an issue during the week and at weekends.

### **2.4 Pitch 3**

Pitch 3 continues to be very popular, although clubs will shortly commence using their own pitches. A number of successful events have taken place to mark the opening of the pitch.

### **2.5 Pitches 4 and 5**

Annual maintenance will be undertaken on these pitches with consideration of events such as the Street League, Mid Ulster Ladies FC, etc.

### **2.6 Summer Programme 2012**

Planning is underway organising a schedule of events for the summer months. Activities planned include:- tennis, netball, gaelic football, disability inclusive games, soccer, sailing, canoeing and windsurfing.

### **2.7 Community Safety Partnership**

The Community Safety Partnership and the Sports Services Officer have been working together on the procurement of a cage for sports and are now at the stage to agree a date for the launch and diversionary programmes for its inclusion.

## **2.8 Active Communities Programme**

The end of year figures issued by Sport NI for the Mid Ulster Consortia indicated consistent performance and in many instances have surpassed the targets set for the year.

## **2.9 Health & Physical Activity**

The Committee AGREED to the acceptance of the allocation of £5,000 to support the implementation of the 2012 – 2012 Northern Partnership for Physical Activity Action Plan within the Cookstown Area. Key targets are to support Active Communities, Exercise Referral and Physical Activity Programmes.

## **2.10 Cryotherapy**

The Cryotherapy suite should be operational within the next two weeks.

## **2.11 MUSA Upgrade**

On the proposal of Cllr McGarvey, seconded by Cllr McAleer, the Committee AGREED to an updated Green Book Appraisal being obtained at a cost of £2,400 for MUSA to explore options for the provision of additional changing rooms and an indoor physical activity arena. A planning application to be submitted for this upgrade.

## **2.12 Trim Trail Upgrade**

Resurfacing of the Trim Trail will commence on 16<sup>th</sup> April, when the resurfacing work is complete the Outdoor Fitness Equipment will be installed and a Launch of the Trim Trail will be organised.

## **2.13 Mid Ulster Football Association**

On the proposal of Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr McGarvey the Committee AGREED to the request for financial support of £250 for the Mid Ulster Football Association to celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## **2.14 Dungannon Tigers**

The Committee AGREED to the request from Dungannon Tigers to use the Synthetic Soccer Pitch for home fixtures during the 2012/2013 season, with Killymoon Rangers having first preference on usage.

## **2.15 Minor Works**

The Committee AGREED to the recommendation to proceed with minor works to include:-

Phase 1 – (To be funded within existing contract)

Provision of two electronic scoreboards for the new 3G and existing 3G pitches  
Specialist maintenance to the new 3G pitch

Phase 2 - (To be funded from 2012/2012 budget)

Upgrade existing stand  
New dugouts  
Shelter for new 3G pitch

## **2.16 Paralympic Flame**

Cookstown District Council has been successful in their application and will be one of only six Council Areas to host the National Paralympic Flame Celebrations. Plans are ongoing to combine the Flame Celebrations with a MUSA Family Fun-day on 25<sup>th</sup> August from 4 – 7 p.m.

## **2.17 Cookstown and District Sports Forum**

A positive meeting of the Forum took place on 7<sup>th</sup> March, with agreement that meetings should be held every quarter. Cllr Wilson advised that Errol Hassin, a founder and supportive member of the Forum is at present in hospital and requested that a card is forwarded to him on behalf of the Sports Forum.

## **2.18 Pomeroy Get Fit**

Cllr Mallaghan wished to convey thanks to 5 members staff at MUSA who encouraged a group from Pomeroy to Get Fit, 110 joined and 70 stone in weight was lost, 5 out of 10 stopped cigarettes.

## **3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m.