

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF DUNGANNON
& SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22 JUNE 2009 IN
THE COUNCIL OFFICES, CIRCULAR ROAD, DUNGANNON**

MEMBERS PRESENT: In the Chair, Councillor Donnelly, Chair

Councillors Brush, Hamilton, McGonnell
McGuigan, McMahon, Morrow, Mulligan and
O'Neill

OTHERS: Councillors Cuddy and Molloy

OFFICERS PRESENT: Messrs Frazer Acting Chief Executive
Mr Barratt Recreation Manager
Mr Hill Tourism & Amenities Manager
Mr Murphy Development Manager and
Mrs McKernan (Secretariat)

IN ATTENDANCE: Item 3 – Presentation by Lough Neagh Rescue

Mr C Hughes, Board Director and Crew Member
Mr C Corr, Board Director and Crew Member

Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Mayor Councillor Mulligan took the Chair for the election of Chair of the Committee.

Under the previously agreed d'Hondt arrangement nomination was sought from Sinn Fein Party.

Councillor Donnelly was nominated by Councillor McGuigan and took the chair.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Under the previously agreed d'Hondt arrangement nomination was sought from Independent.

Councillor McGuigan said he had spoken to Councillor Monteith who had agreed to be nominated in his absence.

3. PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF LOUGH NEAGH RESCUE

The Chair welcomed Mr Hughes and Mr Corr to the meeting and invited them to address the meeting. They made presentation (appendix 1) on how the rescue service is used and recognised as one of the most modern in Europe and covers the entire Lough Neagh. One of the problems is this is a charitable organisation and survives from donations. They accepted Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council makes an annual donation but following this presentation it was hoped an increase in the amount would be considered.

In response to members questions the following responses were made:

- Craigavon supporting more in kind
- Will accept any offers of help cash or kind
- Basing a small boat at Blackwater when open and land to build a small jetty would be appreciated
- Accepted that due to reorganisation a joint approach with Magherafelt, Cookstown and Dungannon would be way forward through Transition Committee
- Would be happy to discuss with D&STBC the inclusion of the service in Emergency Plan for flooding as included with other Councils.
- Following RPA 30 to 40% of the Lough will be in new Council area
- The organisation is solely voluntary and there are no administration fees paid out

The Chairman thanked Mr Hughes and Mr Corr for their presentation following which they left the meeting at 7.55 pm.

Discussion took place and it was noted that due to budget cuts this year no increase in annual donation was made. Acting Chief Executive indicated that a facility at Washingbay could be looked at to accommodate boat when it is in place. Options would be to wait until next year to review donation, engage with other two Councils in discussing this issue or reconsider donation this year.

Following discussion Acting Chief Executive agreed to request a copy of accounts and said a link with the organisation should be maintained. It was agreed all information should be available to get a clear view. A member suggested Councillors should sit on the Lough Neagh Committee.

Acting Chief Executive stated that applications for substantial donations have been received from St. John's Ambulance and Order of Malta.

Acting Chief Executive to respond to Lough Neagh Rescue and to meet and reassure them of continued Council support and to bring to their attention and assist with applications for funding through other bodies e.g. Social Funding and Tourism Funding.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that:

1. A meeting be set up to discuss funding sources and help in kind.
2. Request a copy of Accounts for this and all applications for funding.

4 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The report (appendix 2) of the Acting Chief Executive was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

4.1 CCTV (1.1.3)

A member informed the meeting the only expense necessary to get a system up and running would be the purchase of a digital video recorder as cameras in place are adequate. Video would be used to record and no monitoring costs involved. The only cost would be insurance. It was requested that Moy and Fivemiletown also to be included in any proposed scheme.

Discussion took place and it was stated there was no evidence that town centre monitoring drove anti social behaviour to out of town areas e.g. housing estates. It was noted recorded data could not be used for prosecution evidence but can assist PSNI when investigating crime.

Acting Chief Executive agreed to investigate all options and costs and bring full report to future meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Brush
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

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

Mr Murphy left the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

4.2 Country Fest – 1 and 2 August 2009 King's Hall, Belfast

Acting Chief Executive informed the meeting a letter had been received from the Organisers of Country Fest offering two complimentary tickets for each Councillor. The event takes place 1st and 2nd August at King's Hall Belfast and a free stand at the event for the two days had been offered to Flavour of Tyrone and Killymaddy.

4.3 President Grants Home and Killymaddy

In response to members concern at the accessibility of these locations following the construction of the A4 dual carriageway the Acting Chief Executive agreed to bring a report to the next meeting concerning both projects.

4.4 Creeve Lough Vandalism (1.2.10)

Discussion took place concerning the vandalism and Tourist and Amenities Manager confirmed 30 life rings have had to be replaced in past 18 months. Members voiced concern at the continuing vandalism.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that Acting Chief Executive consider the possibility of having a leaflet printed and press coverage to educate in an effort to reduce the vandalism and risk to life as a result.

4.5 Proposed Sustrans National Cycle Route - Dungannon

Acting Chief Executive advised that lottery funding for this project has run into difficulties. He responded to members question that the project could be split in two as developers do not expect any movement on their sites on Moy Road within the next 10 years. At present both ends of the tunnel are blocked off and work could not be undertaken. Acting Chief Executive to have costs for phase I and II for next meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Brush
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that the scheme be split into phase I and II as a grant will be necessary to undertake the scheme.

4.6 Correspondence

4.6.1 CRAIC

In response to member's question Acting Chief Executive agreed to check amount of contribution for the current financial year.

4.6.2 Boxing Club

Acting Chief Executive stated that Recreation Manager will be meeting with Boxing Club representatives tomorrow. Boxing Club has issues with Trustees transferring property to the Council without their permission. During discussion it was noted that the Boxing Club issues need to be addressed with the Trustees and not Council. Acting Chief Executive confirmed that Council, subject to approval, was ready to commence refurbishment of the facility. It was agreed Council should look again at agreement.

Recreation Manager was asked to ensure Boxing Club understand the agreement is solid and offer a further meeting with Councillors.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that the Recreation Manager bring update report to next meeting.

Councillor McGonnell left the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

4.7 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that the Report of the Director of Development (appendix 2) be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, are approved.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 Dungannon Leisure Centre

Acting Chief Executive read letter dated 16 June 2009 from Dr. O'Donnell, Medical Centre Coalisland expressing admiration for the services at Dungannon Leisure Centre particularly the spinning and circuits' class and on behalf of Centre and patients passed on thanks to the instructor.

5.2 MORPH

Acting Chief Executive submitted letter dated 6 June 2009 from MORPH which expressed their continued interest in a strategic partnership between Council, Morph and the Niamh Louise Foundation regarding the premises on Castle Hill and were requesting rent free on the basis of sharing responsibility for the refurbishment of the Castle Hill premises.

Acting Chief Executive informed members that the current lease with the PSNI expires in 2013 and includes clause for full repair. It was noted that if Council let the premises then organisation must share maintenance costs. During discussion it was further noted that the new planning application would allow 24 car parking spaces as well as service vehicles. There is also a danger of public perception by letting to one organisation.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that the Acting Chief Executive continue with deliberations and bring back report to Committee. Also bring back recommendations in relation to requests for funding from St John's Ambulance and Order of Malta.

5.3 Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club

Acting Chief Executive read letter received on 15 June 2009 from Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club thanking the Council for generous financial support towards hosting the recent Feile Uladh Parade which was an outstanding success.

5.4 Tesco – Dungannon Railway Park

Acting Chief Executive confirmed that the District Valuer had completed valuation. Whilst the Council had objected to the planning application there is a danger the Council could be accused of stopping development. Further discussion ensued on way forward and the Acting Chief Executive recommended that professional agent be engaged to take the matter forward for Council with Tesco.

Proposed by Councillor Brush
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that proceed as recommended by the Acting Chief Executive.

6 MINUTES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUB COMMITTEE

6.1 Favour Royal 4.7

Members suggested this project should be reviewed regularly.

6.2 Gas to West 5.2

Members enquired if any further developments in proposal to bring gas to Dungannon. It was noted that Craigavon and Armagh will be connected. In view of the large number of manufacturing industries in Tyrone it was felt Dungannon would be able to take greater advantage.

6.3 Adoption of Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Mulligan
Seconded by Councillor Brush and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that the minutes of the Economic Development Sub Committee held on the 11 June 2009 having been printed and circulated and subject to the foregoing be approved.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Edfield Way Car Park, Fivemiletown

A member referred to sign-posting to this car-park via pedestrian access route through Market Yard and said that adequate signposting had not been provided by Roads Service as area not up to standard for adoption. Acting Chief Executive confirmed that the matter will be taken forward at Public Services Committee.

8 DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 9.05 pm.

MAYOR _____

CHIEF EXECUTIVE _____
(Acting)