

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF DUNGANNON  
& SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER  
2009 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, CIRCULAR ROAD, DUNGANNON**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** In the Chair, Councillor Donnelly (Chair)  
  
Councillors Hamilton, McGonnell, McGuigan,  
McMahon and Mulligan
- APOLOGY:** Councillor O'Neill
- OTHERS:** Councillors Gillespie, Cavanagh and Molloy
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mr Barrett, Recreation Manager  
Mrs Clarke, Senior Clerical Officer  
Mr Frazer, Acting Chief Executive  
Mr Hill, Tourism and Amenities Manager  
Mr Murphy, Development Manager  
Mrs Smith, Council Business Manager

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

**1 CONDOLENCES**

Sympathy was expressed to Mr Jim McKenzie, Change Management Officer, on the death of his brother.

**2 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

The report (appendix 1) and addendum (appendix 2) of the Acting Chief Executive were presented reference being made to the undernoted:

**2.1 Blackwater Regional Partnership (item 1.1.1)**

Programmes were detailed in the report and expenditure as undernoted was recommended for approval:

Project Evaluation	£5,000
Training	£35,000
Education	£45,000

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell  
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

**Resolved** That it is recommended to the Council that expenditure as outlined be agreed.

## **2.2 Rural Development Programme & Peace 3 (item 1.1.2)**

The Development Manager stated that at the end of October 2009 projects with a grant value of £3,315,493 have been assessed and ratified by the JCC; Dungannon 26; (5 successful under 3.1 and 21 under business creation and development); 27 in Magherafelt; 17 in Cookstown and 41 in Fermanagh.

Total amount of grant requested £29.1m total available for distribution £8.5m

### **2.2.1 Priority Villages and Estates**

The Development Manager took members through the details in the report and advised that it was proposed that £175,000 be used for small grants in each Council area with the areas identified for Dungannon Borough as detailed in the report Evaluation Framework for Peacebuilding at Interface Areas being

- Dungannon Town Centre
- Ballygawley Road Estate (Annaghee)/Lisnahull Estate
- Cunningham's Lane/Eastville/Coolhill
- Coalisland
- Castlecaulfield/Donaghmore
- Moygashel

Members expressed concern that structure used was out of date following which it was

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell  
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

**Resolved** That it is recommended to the Council to proceed with small grants programme as detailed.

### **2.3 Community Safety Partnership – Proposed Funding Programme (item 1.1.4)**

The Development Manager advised that due to underspend in some programmes following public call the CSP had agreed to open up a further funding opportunity full details set out in Addendum. The following expenditure under the Indicative Allocation Funding Programme for 2009/2010 was recommended for approval:

Women's Aid – Helping Hands/Healthier Relationships Schools' Programme – Maximum award - £2,131

Home Security and Crime Prevention Scheme – Maximum Award - £1,820.50

Breakthru Intergenerational Project – Maximum Award - £2,000.

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan

Seconded by Councillor McGonnell and

**Resolved** That it is recommended to the Council that funding as detailed be approved.

### **2.4 High Visibility Vests (item 1.1.5)**

Members commended this project which allowed for high visibility vests to be provided to all primary schools children in the borough.

### **2.5 Festive Grants 2009 – Assessment Summary**

The Development Manager advised of error in figures. Amount requested by Caledon Development Association was £640 and amount recommended £640. This leaves a total expenditure on Festive Grants 2009 of £16,790 and was recommended for approval.

Concern expressed in relation to application submitted by Coalisland International Music Festival. The Acting Chief Executive stated that any group can make application, only one received for Coalisland and it had met criteria.

### **2.6 Local Community Fund (item 1.1.10)**

The Development Manager advised that following public call under this fund 4 applications were returned; 2 from each of the ward areas identified. Approval was sought for the following applications:

Ballysaggart Ward	
Dungannon West Renewal Ltd	£10,334
Relatives for Justice	£5,000

Coalisland South	
Niamh Louise Foundation	£6,460
Craic Theatre	£12,981

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell  
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

**Resolved** That it is recommended to the Council that funding as detailed be approved.

Development Manager left at 7.45 pm.

## **2.7 Killymaddy TIC (item 1.2.1)**

In response to query regarding falling numbers the Tourism and Amenities Manager stated that there has been a small drop continuously since the road improvements had started.

## **2.8 Royal Scottish Pipe Band Championship Event 2010 (item 1.2.2)**

In response to query regarding how the £12,500 had been arrived at the Acting Chief Executive stated that £15,000 had been allocated to this event last year and negotiations had taken place with organizers to reduce on grounds of pressure on budgets. Also event next year will be held on Council property.

## **2.9 Christmas Craft Fair (item 1.2.3)**

The Tourism and Amenities Manager stated that Christmas Craft Fair is scheduled for 28 and 29 November and will be held in a marquee at the Linen Green Centre.

In response to query regarding holding event at Castle Hill the Acting Chief Executive stated that had tried in past to hold in town centre using St Anne's Church Hall and the footfall did not warrant the effort. Currently do not have suitable location but regeneration plans in Market Square will provide for area for events such as this.

Councillor Molloy arrived at 7.47 pm

## **2.10 Fair Green Play Park, Fivemiletown (item 1.2.9)**

The Tourism and Amenities Manager stated that fire damage to a juniors play unit will result in remedial expenditure of up to £10,000 to bring the play park back into full operation and sought approval for expenditure.

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell  
Seconded by Councillor Hamilton and

**Resolved** That it is recommended to the Council that expenditure as sought be approved.

## **2.11 Gortgonis Playing Fields Complex (item 1.2.10)**

The Tourism and Amenities Manager advised that Council is in receipt of a request to consider the sale of a strip of land in favour to an adjacent landowner. The area equates to 40.6 square metres (25.4 x 1.6 metres). The strip of land is part of an open space area used by the playgroup and will not have a significant impact on the site. Approval is sought to engage the District Valuer to access the market value of the land.

During discussion members felt there was need for clause in sale that required for occupiers own use, that nothing build to damage adjacent facility and that there is proper fencing.

The Acting Chief Executive stated that will need Department approval for disposal of the land as considering single purchaser, will take advice regarding clause, as part of the agreement would have to erect and maintain fencing and would be responsible for all legal and transfer costs.

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell  
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

**Resolved** That it is recommended to the Council to engage the District Valuer to access the market value of area of the land requested.

## **2.12 Leisure Centre Monthly Report (item 1.3.1)**

The Recreation Manager advised that since major refurbishment the Leisure Centre is holding its figures.

### **2.13 Castlecaulfield Pavilion (item 1.4.5)**

The Acting Chief Executive stated that £70,000 had been estimated for improvement works with contract coming in at £55,000. He sought approval for additional expenditure of £1,612 for a canopy, additional railings and extra ramping at rear exit required to accommodate disability access as an alternative to existing entrance. Also approval for expenditure of £1,600 for link between car park and back entrance and £300 for alterations to door, this work to be carried out in house.

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell  
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

**Resolved** That it is recommended to the Council that additional expenditure as detailed be approved.

### **2.14 Aughnacloy Playing Fields (item 1.4.3)**

Acting Chief Executive agreed to follow up with District Valuer.

### **2.15 Mullaghanagh Lane (item 1.4.2)**

The Acting Chief Executive stated that business case to purchase Cottagequinn road network has been sent to Moy Park Ltd, price had been agreed at £20,000 and have sources £15,000 for purchase, right of way issues being clarified, working on scheme for better access from Mark Street which offers alternative walking and cycling routes for the public and which will alleviate some of the issues at the Mark Street end.

### **2.16 Gardeners Hall (item 1.4.8)**

The Acting Chief Executive stated that following tender process for Architectural Services for Gardeners Hall and a number of other small schemes, Lighting Tow Path to Gortgonis Road and a MUGA at Mountcairn Coalisland, he recommended that, subject to funding for these projects, that contract be awarded to Michael Herron Architect.

The Recreation Manager updated on ongoing discussions with Boxing Club and Milltown Community Association. It had originally been agreed that Boxing club would have a yearly lease on a peppercorn rent for the annex. The Club has indicated would prefer longer term lease on annex which would provide greater security for the Club. Permission was requested to engage the District Valuer to value lease.

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor McGonnell and

**Resolved** That it is recommended to the Council that way forward as detailed be approved.

### **2.17 Club Tyrone**

Submitted letter dated 23 October 2009 from Club Tyrone, the group that's overseeing the fundraising for Tyrone's new GAA Centre at Garvaghey and seeking an opportunity to update the Council on the project.

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell  
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

**Resolved** That it is recommended to the Council that presentation be made to Development Committee.

### **2.18 Special Olympics Ulster Team 2010 National Games in Limerick**

Submitted letter dated 9 November 2009 from Governing Body requesting sponsorship for 5 athletes from this area who have qualified and have indicated their intention of competing in the Games. The Acting Chief Executive recommended to contribute £50 per athlete.

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell  
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

**Resolved** That it is recommended to the Council that funding as detailed be approved.

### **2.19 Dungannon Amateur Swimming Club**

Letter dated 25 October 2009 regarding payment for use of swimming pool and waiver of additional costs was submitted and the Acting Chief Executive advised that this had been dealt with by management and an amicable arrangement reached.

### **2.20 Northern Ireland Electricity**

Submitted letter dated 4 November 2009 advising of priority number for elected representatives and inviting members to visit the Control Centre in Craigavon to introduce Councillors to the plans and systems that are in

place to deal with major storms or issues that affect the electricity network. Agreed that visit be organized.

**2.21 Lurganeden Quarry, Shanmaghera Road, Galbally, Dungannon  
Phased lateral easterly extension to Lurganeden Quarry, additional  
cone crusher and screen with restoration to conservation  
biodiversity habitats**

Consultation – environmental statement and application details submitted in respect of the above proposal.

Letter marked read.

**2.22 St Joseph's Convent, Donaghmore**

Schedule was presented from Department of Environment advising that East Gate Lodge and Screen Walls have been included on List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

**2.23 M/2009/0921/F – Vodafone UK Limited – Footpath of Oaks Road,  
approximately 1m North East of access to Drumcoo Playing Fields  
Car Park, Dungannon**

Submitted letter dated 11 November 2009 re telecommunications installation consisting of a replacement 15m high MK3 streetworks pole and 3 No. Vodafone antennas and an additional 3 No. 02 antennas within shroud, 1 No. 02 cannon equipment cabinet and 1 No. Electrical meter cabinet. The Acting Chief Executive advised that objection on grounds of proximity to residential property would be lodged.

**2.24 Bush Road Races**

Letter of thanks dated 16 November 2009 from Dungannon & District Motor Cycle Club was presented.

**2.25 Adoption of Report**

**Resolved** That it is recommended to the Council that the Report (appendix 1) and Addendum (appendix 2) of the Acting Chief Executive be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.



**3 MINUTES - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUB COMMITTEE**  
**- 12 NOVEMBER 2009**

Proposed by Councillor McMahon  
Seconded by Councillor McGonnell and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council that the minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development Sub Committee held on Thursday 12 November 2009, having been printed and circulated, be approved.

Councillors Cavanagh, McGonnell and McGuigan left at 8.12 pm.

**4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**4.1 Dungannon Town Centre Development Plan**

Member expressed concern that projects and events that should be dealt with by the Council as a corporate body are being passed over to Dungannon Regeneration Partnership ie Christmas event, Dungannon Town Centre Development Plan and there was a need for the Council as a body to consider the plan.

The Acting Chief Executive stated that Town Centre Development Plan is 100 per cent funded by DSD with the Council acting as agent to ensure that completed in given time scale and that is being dealt with through Economic Development Sub Committee. Agreed that presentation be made to next meeting of sub committee.

**5 DURATION OF MEETING**

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 8.15 pm.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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