

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF DUNGANNON
& SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 30 AUGUST 2007
IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, CIRCULAR ROAD, DUNGANNON**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** In the Chair, Councillor McMahon (Vice Chair)
Councillors Brush, F Burton (7.35pm) Daly,
Donnelly, Molloy and Monteith
- OTHERS:** Councillors Cavanagh (7.33pm), Cuddy (7.35pm)
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Messrs Frazer (DoD), Barrett (RM), Beggs (EIGM),
Hill (TAM), Murphy (DM), Mrs E Forde (MSO) and
Ms C Linney (CSPO)
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mulligan
Mrs E Heatherington (PRO)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** For Item 1 - Presentation by Representative of
Help the Aged
Mr Seamus Lynch

The meeting started at 7.30pm

1 PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES HELP THE AGED

The Chairman welcomed Mr Lynch Public Relations Officer for Help the Aged. Mr Lynch showed a DVD making reference to the undernoted:

- Recent research highlighted that only 2% of people interviewed were aware of what elder abuse was;
- Awareness needs to be at the same level of child abuse;
- 1 in 10 elderly people are subject to abuse;
- Abuser could be relative or friend and someone the abused loves dearly;
- 25% of abuse takes place in care homes;
- Abuse takes following forms – Psychological, Physical, Financial, Sexual and Emotional; case samples on each form were highlighted;
- How to stop abuse: if person believes abuse is taking place they need to be open and honest, willing to listen, remain calm, may be asked not to report incidents by abused etc
- Who should abuse be reported to: social services, police etc

(During the DVD presentation Councillor Cavanagh entered the meeting at 7.33pm and Councillors F Burton and Cuddy entered at 7.35 pm)

Mr Lynch advised that the purpose of the Help the Aged campaign is to raise awareness and that Council could assist through displaying leaflets, lobbying government emphasising that as a community we are responsible for elderly residents and that every professional person in health service and beyond should be trained in elder abuse. He also advised that in first month of the campaign 'Action on Elder Abuse' doubled their calls.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lynch for his presentation. Mr Lynch responded to Members questions during which the CSPO advised that elder abuse awareness could be incorporated into the lottery funding application detailed at 1.2.4 of the report - to develop a project to support elder people's wellbeing. Mr Lynch also advised that the Western Health Trust were making application to government for funding to ensure all staff are trained in elder abuse awareness.

Mr Lynch withdrew from the meeting at 8.01pm.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that

- (i) Council endeavour to raise awareness and assist Help the Aged in raising awareness of 'Elder Abuse';
- (ii) That elder abuse awareness be incorporated in the fund application for a project to support older people's wellbeing

2 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The report (appendix 1) of the DoD was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

2.1 Format

The DoD advised that the format of the report had been revised, that the first section was an update on progress and that approvals in the future would include a recommendation.

2.2 Rural Development Cluster (1.2.1)

Members emphasised the importance of Councils having a lead role in the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013. In response to questions the CSPO advised that the Minister had been lobbied and reference was made to the undernoted:

- The new Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development is undertaking a review of the proposed future structure for delivery of the RDP 2007 – 2013, and is being lobbied by a number of sources;
- East Tyrone Rural agree that the new programme should come to Council;
- ETR is also seeking Council to seek some clarification from the Minister on the gap between the existing LEADER programme and the RDP new programme;
- A partnership approach to delivery maximising existing LEADER expertise and ensuring that new experience is included to deal with wider RDP programme will be required;
- There has been no clarification from DARD as to what proposed clusters will be required.
- SEUPB has stated that PEACE III requires clusters to maximise funding but it is up to Councils to decide their own cluster;
- Member saw the merit in forming cluster with Magherafelt and Cookstown;
- Under Peace III it is not allowed to be a number of clusters, Councils have to identify one;
- New structure is required to deal with community nominations to any new partnerships or committees;
- Copy of letter received from Minister to be circulated to Councillors;

In conclusion the CSPO stated that the working group of Councillors would be required to determine, any new partnership, advise on the new RD strategy and Peace III strategy. In response to Members queries the EIGM advised that the former Leader programme included a remit for engineering and that any new Rural Development Programme would link closely to LED.

2.3 LED Plan 2007 – 2010- (1.1.4)

In response to Members questions the EIGM advised that nominations would be sought at the next Council meeting for the working group detailed in the report. The DoD advised that LED Plan 2007-2010 and Rural Development Plan were complimentary and that the one working group would deal with both.

(The EIGM left the meeting at 8.17 pm)

2.4 Fivemiletown Building Regeneration

Member requested information regarding the LOTs scheme or any other available funding programme which would be applicable for regeneration of derelict buildings in Fivemiletown. In response the DoD advised that expressions of interest in the LOTs scheme had been extended and that this could be accessed, however it was confirmed that there needs to be over 100 expressions of interest for it to be considered. The CSPO advised that funding may possibly be still available from Rural Development Council 'Retail Development Programme in Rural Towns'.

2.5 Heritage Trail Funding for Castlecaulfield and Donaghmore

In response to Members question regarding available funding through Blackwater Partnership for development of a heritage trail in Castlecaulfield and Donaghmore the DoD advised that Blackwater Partnership was currently re-profiling spend and that a report would be presented to a future meeting.

2.6 Judo Mats (1.7.2)

Member acknowledged that the judo mats had now been sourced for the local club who met at the Leisure Centre.

2.7 Aughnacloy Football Fun Week/Castlecaulfield Summer Scheme/Dungannon Leisure Centre Summer Scheme (1.7.4, 1.7.5, 1.7.6)

In response to Members question the RM advised that marketing and publicity for the schemes had taken place and apologised that the Mayor/Deputy Mayor had not been included in promotion of the schemes.

2.8 Vandalism (1.6.3)

In response to Members question the DoD advised that he recommended all vandalism damage was repaired/replaced for the benefit of the public who use the amenities detailed. In relation to Ballygawley Riverside Walk Member expressed concern that the amenity was not being used by public but instead for anti social behaviour ie drinking of alcohol. The DoD advised that the amenity had been developed in response to

request by local community group. Members suggested that Council reassess the level of provision at Ballygawley Riverside Walk and that estimates comparing repair costs and provision of CCTV be reported to a future meeting.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the suggestion of Members be progressed.

2.9 Flavour of Tyrone – Christmas Craft Fair (1.5.1)

In response to Members questions the DoD advised that last years craft fair venue had not been successful with exhibitors, that Castlehill site could be investigated but that at present Council was only establishing if the Linen Green could provide a suitable venue.

2.10 Drumcoo Sports Pavilion (1.6.5)

Member advised that he is consistently being lobbied by residents complaining about the level of litter eg beer bottles at Drumcoo Sports Pavilion and surrounding area, that the play area at the rear of the caretaker's residence was like an open air night club and that Council had given commitment to the community for improvements but to date improvements had not been delivered. Consultations had been ongoing since 2001 and the community now required action.

In response the TAM advised that the playpark/sports pavilion improvements was part of a rolling programme to which there is a phased approach, that the Technical Services Department was responsible for litterpicking and the complaints re litterpicking would be communicated to them and that the community at other side of the road was also seeking play provision.

2.11 DSD/Voluntary & Community Unit (1.8.2)

In response to Members questions the DoD advised that a decision was pending from DSD who set the criteria for generic advice services and that an update would be included in the September report regarding process/criteria for additional funding for other advice providers.

2.12 Leisure Centre – Squash Courts/Swimming Provision (1.7)

In response to Members questions the RM advised that current problems with the squash court would be remedied and the court would be playable for the new season commencing but that in the long term the

court needed refurbished and there was difficulty in securing appropriate contractors to carry out work.

The RM also advised that the swimming pool availability taking into consideration schools and swimming club use would be communicated to the public.

(Councillor Brush and Councillor Molloy left the meeting at 8.39 pm)

2.13 Farmers Market

In response to Members question the DoD advised that the Sustainability sub committee reporting to Public Services had the remit for the Farmers Market.

2.14 Grant Aid (1.8.1)

Members expressed concern regarding the process for grant aid stating that if all funding calls were advertised at the one time community groups often apply inappropriately and applications can not be transferred thus causing disappointment very often to the groups most in need. The DoD advised that the process had been approved by Council and that the September advertisement would be the first of the quarterly calls. The DM advised that a generic application would be issued and that officers would offer advice to community groups regarding completion of same.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that forthcoming community grants go out at different times to avoid confusion and to ensure that groups target the most appropriate fund.

2.15 Gortgonis Right of Way (1.6.2)

The TAM advised that the 3rd line of the paragraph referring to Gortgonis Right of Way should read 'The order can not be confirmed by Council.'

2.16 Local Democracy Event (1.8.9)

Member advised that the 4th line of the paragraph referring to the Mayor of Portlaoise should read 'Mayor of Portlaoise, Rotmi Ade Bari.'

2.17 SELB Youth Forum

The Mayor advised that he had met with the SELB Youth Officer regarding this matter and advised that the SELB Youth Service wanted to allocate

funding in developing a youth consultative group and that a proposal would be presented to facilitate two events between councillors and young people following which with necessary funding a partnership arrangement could evolve.

(Councillor F Burton left the meeting at 8.50pm)

2.18 Public Art Piece (1.9.5)

In response to Members questions the DoD advised that approval was being sought subject to drawing down appropriate funding, that the Arts Council criteria would have to be met and any works would be open to tender. He further advised that Council would engage in strong consultation as to what form the sculpture should take. Members expressed concern that £36k seemed a limited budget for such a scheme.

The DoD also advised that there was opportunity through Heritage Lottery funding and Peace III to engage in a similar project on Castle Hill.

2.19 Approvals (Part 2)

The DoD advised that a new format of presentation for approvals had to be designed following a recent audit and risk exercise.

In addition to the financial approvals outlined in the report the DoD recommended the undernoted for payment:

- Greeveskellycairns Chartered Architects: sum of £6000 plus vat re feasibility study at Dungannon Leisure Centre;
- Scott Wilson incorporating Ferguson McIlveen: sum of £3606.67 plus vat re Coalisland Canal interim invoice 2047;
- Withdrawal of approval of Caledon Rovers Football Club (A3) seeding grant of £200 – rationale should not have been included as sports clubs do not meet criteria for seeding grants.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the aforementioned funding subject to the foregoing, as recommended by the Director of Development be approved.

2.20 Correspondence (Section B)

2.20.1 Women's Aid (B1.5)

The DoD submitted letter received 8 August 2007 from Women's Aid Cookstown and Dungannon. The letter requested permission for the organisation to make a presentation to Council. Member suggested that in order to progress the request more efficiently that the presentation be made to the Equality and Good Relations sub committee and that other such requests pending should be examined by officers and redirected to appropriate sub committee to speed up process.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that

- (i) Women's Aid Cookstown & Dungannon be invited to make presentation to the Equality and Good Relations sub committee; and
- (ii) That officers examine the presentation requests pending and redirect to appropriate sub committees in order to speed up process.

2.20.2 Moy Methodist Church Hall (B1.10)

The DoD submitted letter dated 14 August 2007 from Moy Methodist Church regarding the Service Level Agreement between the Church and Council which was now due to be reviewed. The DoD sought approval to seek valuation from the District Valuer.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that approval as sought by the DoD be granted.

2.20.3 Newtownkelly Methodist Church (B1.1)

The Director of Development submitted letter dated 31 July 2007 received from Newtownkelly Methodist Church seeking funding for a cross community event to celebrate the 25th birthday of the Church Hall. The DoD advised that funding opportunity would be given through normal system.

2.20.4 Young Women's Inspirational Conference 2008 (B1.20.4)

The DoD submitted letter for information dated 7 August 2007 received from TWN Young Women's Inspirational Conference 2008 requesting

potential sponsorship and Council involvement in forthcoming conference.

2.20.5 RPS Proposed Lisbeg Road Widening (B1.6)

The DoD submitted letter dated 26 June 2007 received from RPS Planning and Environment detailing proposals for widening of Lisbeg Road and advised Councillors that information was available.

2.20.6 Donaghmore District Community Association (B1.7)

The DoD submitted letter dated 3 July received from DDCA confirming that request to make a presentation to Council in respect of the Sports and Arts campus was by DDCA and not TVI. The DoD advised that the request was on the waiting list for presentations.

2.20.7 East Tyrone Rural – Rural Development Programme (2007-2013) (B1.8)

The DoD submitted letter received 3 July 2007 from East Tyrone Rural requesting that Council seek clarification from DARD re the way forward for Rural Development in the area and how the gap period between close of Rural Development Programme and the beginning of next period can be addressed. The DoD advised that Council needed to research the matter.

2.20.8 Planning Service – Tree Preservation Order (B1.9)

The DoD submitted letter received 6 August 2007 from Planning Service detailing tree preservation order at lands at 69 Main Street, Castlecaulfield tree preservation info available.

2.20.9 Department of Enterprise Trade & Investment – Mineral Development Act 1969 - Consultation

The DoD for information submitted letter dated 27 July 2007 re an application received from Metallum Resources Ltd for mineral prospecting rights under section 11 of the aforementioned Act in respect of lands in Co Tyrone. Consideration is at present being given to the issue of one licence over this area for an initial period of two years with provision for an extension in respect of all such minerals as are vested in the Department. Part of the land included in the application comes within Council's

jurisdiction. A copy of the letter is available for public viewing in the main Council Offices.

2.21 Minutes – Capital Programme Sub Committee (B5.5.2)

The DoD tabled a project overview and outline drawings for the redevelopment of the former TA Building at Castle Hill into a community facility. The DoD further advised that the proposal now included the former base to be demolished being replaced with new build and that the application for Peace 111 funding required the project to have a working title. The project overview suggested 'The Base' detailing its reasoning, this title was rejected following which the undernoted suggestions were made given the sighting of the proposed building;

- The Gannon Centre;
- The Priory Centre;
- The Demesne;
- Drumshee House;

Members were reminded that the former Bank Building had been renamed to 'Ranfurlly House' to reflect the plantation period, further discussion ensued during which it was suggested that on completion the overall amenity should be given a title whilst others stated that it was their understanding that 'O'Neill's Castle' was the name given at the outset of the development. Further discussion is required on the names of the Hill and proposed facility. The DoD recommended that working title for the redevelopment of the former TA building be 'O'Neill's Place.'

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the working title for the development of a community base be 'O'Neill's Place.'

(Councillors Cavanagh and Cuddy left the meeting at 9.20 pm)

2.22 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Daly and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the report of the DOD be adopted and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

3 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

3.1 Coalisland Canal Project

The DoD advised that the phase one works on the Coalisland Canal had been approved at £125K but that due to a 30% rise in the cost of steel approval was now sought for approximately a £40K increase.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Daly and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that approval as sought by the DoD be granted.

3.2 Minutes –Government Services Sub Committee (B5.5.8)

It was reported that the Mayor and CSPO had met with a representative of the Anti Poverty network and it was recommended that the organisation be invited to make a presentation at the Government Services sub committee which would provide information being sought at 3.6 Child Poverty detailed in the minutes 14 August 2007.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the recommendation be approved.

3.3 Neighbourhood Renewal

Members expressed concern regarding the Neighbourhood Renewal projects both in Dungannon and Coalisland and suggested that Council seriously consider withdrawing from the projects.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that consideration be given to Council participation in Neighbourhood Renewal.

3.4 Select List of Architects

The DoD recommended that due to continued advertising costs, Council advertise for a select list of architects to work on capital schemes up to £1.2 million, it was suggested that the list be reviewed annually.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the recommendation of the DoD be approved.

3.5 Diversity 07 & Beyond – Flight of the Earls Commemorative Events – Donegal

Programme of events tabled for information.

4 DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 9.25 pm.

MAYOR _____

CHIEF EXECUTIVE _____