

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Special Central Services Committee held, in committee, in the Committee Room, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB on Wednesday 14th December 2005 at 4.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs M Chambers
(in the chair)

ALDERMEN: J Norris MBE
Mrs G Rice

COUNCILLORS: J Beattie
Ms J Bunting
C Hall
T Jeffers (from 5.20 p.m.)
G Robinson
J Spratt

IN ATTENDANCE: Community Services Manager and Assistant
Members' Services Officer

APOLOGIES:- Apologies were recorded on behalf of Councillors
Cochrane, Long and Hughes, and for the late arrival
of Councillor Jeffers

CS/2005/160 : PRESENTATION BY THE DESIGN TEAM RE: NEW COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN MONEYREAGH

The Community Services Manager advised Members that the Acting Capital Projects Officer had just learned that a member of his family had been involved in an accident, and he was therefore not able to attend the meeting.

Councillor Chambers welcomed Mr Patrick Toal from ARC Design and Ms Siobhan Brown from Anderson Williamson to the meeting.

Ms Brown stated that her brief had been to provide accommodation as per the Big Lottery fund application, and the outline planning permission. She added that the facility was to provide a flexible multi-purpose hall suitable for recreational sports and performances, or meetings, and minor room suitable for pre school playgroups. She commented that the centre was to have shared access and parking with the school.

She outlined that two options had been considered, i.e. traditional build, and enhanced design. She referred Members' to the enhanced design sketch, which included:

- ❖ feature entrance
- ❖ glass fronted rotunda that could be used as a coffee area and viewing gallery sports hall
- ❖ high pitched roof, which could be used as storage space or converted into another room

She outlined some of the various energy saving measures, such as the use of solar panels, low energy lighting, low spray taps to reduce water usage, etc. She then referred to grants that may be available to assist in the provision of a low energy building, and stated that she would investigate this further.

Mr Toal then took Members through the estimated costs in relation to a traditional build at a cost of £449,583.00, and the enhanced build at a cost of £552,071.00.

Ms Brown and Mr Toal then addressed a number of queries relating to the above two presentations.

Councillor Jeffers arrived at this point at 5.20 p.m.

Members expressed the view that it was difficult for them to see the detail in the presentation, particularly in relation to the breakdown of the costings for the traditional and enhanced build, and expressed their disappointment that they had not been provided with a hard copy. Members also noted that a sketch of a traditional build community facility had not been provided in the presentation.

Mr Toal outlined that he would ensure that the Members of the Committee received a hard copy of the presentation within the next few days.

At this point Mr Toal and Ms Brown left the meeting.

Councillor Chambers expressed the view that the presentation had not been properly prepared, and did not have the relevant detail required for Members to give this matter due consideration.

Councillor Beattie referred to the funding for the centre, and outlined that he would be meeting with representatives from the Big Lottery Funding, and stated that he would report back to the Committee on the outcome of these discussions in due course.

As a member of the Board of Governors of Moneyreagh Primary School, Councillor Spratt declared an interest.

Alderman Rice stated that she understood that when referring to any potential for extending the centre in the future, Ms Brown had indicated in her presentation that this may not be possible due to restricted space available.

Members were of the view that clarification would need to be sought in this respect, and whether a larger facility would have implications in terms of the outline planning consent.

Councillor Chambers indicated that although the Committee had been granted executive powers for any decisions reached this evening, it would not be possible to proceed, as clarification was required on a number of issues.

The Community Services Manager referred to the timetable which had been approved at the September Central Services Committee meeting, and outlined that the Acting Capital Projects Officer had indicated to him that the Committee would now have until 14th January 2006 to approve the design.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That

- (a) the Design Team provide the Committee with a hard copy of their presentation on the proposed design of the new facility at Moneyreagh, to include a sketch of both a traditional build and enhanced build, the dimensions, costings for both options, and grants available for the provision of a low energy building
- (b) Councillor Beattie to report back on his meeting with the Big Lottery Funders
- (c) should it be decided to provide a larger facility, clarification be sought at the December Council meeting as to whether there were any restrictions on the space available, and whether there would be any implications in terms of the outline planning consent which has recently been granted and the conditions of this consent.

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.05 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of

_____ 2005 with the exception of

Minute Nos: _____

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE