

## **CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Civic Committee meeting held, in committee, in the Committee Room, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB, on Tuesday, 15 February 2005, at 7.10 p.m.

**PRESENT:-** Councillor M Robinson (in the chair)  
Alderman M Henderson  
Councillor J Beattie  
Councillor M Copeland (from 7.20 p.m.)  
Councillor Miss R Hughes MBE  
Councillor M Long  
Councillor T Sandford

**IN ATTENDANCE:-** Director of Administration & Civic Services,  
Administration Manager and Members' Services  
Officer

**APOLOGIES:-** Apologies were recorded on behalf of Alderman I  
Robinson, Councillors Bunting, Drysdale, Ms  
McBurney and Miss Stevenson

### **CV/2005/8: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2005**

Councillor Sandford advised that the venue for the 'Special Night at the Races' would be the Harland & Wolff Function Suite and not at Cregagh and Wandsworth British Legion Hall.

Noted.

### **REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION MANAGER**

#### **CV/2005/9: LA MON BURSARY AWARD**

The Director of Administration & Community Services informed Members that invitations had been sent to all schools in the Castlereagh catchment area, inviting them to accept a La Mon Bursary trophy, to be used annually for special achievements. A considerable number of letters of acceptance had now been

received, therefore the Director's intention was to call a meeting of the La Mon Committee to discuss the next steps.

The Director also sought approval for the release of the annual grant of £4,000 for 2004/05 to the La Mon Committee.

RESOLVED: That approval be given for the release of the remaining amount of the annual grant of £4,000 for 2004/05 to the La Mon Committee.

#### **CV/2005/10: ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE**

The Director of Administration & Community Services circulated a letter from The Royal British Legion, Cregagh/Wandsworth Ormeau Branch, regarding the replacement of the Symington Memorial Band at the Armistice Day Service. Members considered this request, and Alderman Henderson suggested that a military band might also be more appropriate to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of World War II..

Discussion ensued, and it was suggested that the best way forward would be to compile a list of a number of bands connected to the Borough which could be used. Other suggestions included the Belvoir Band or the Prison Service Band.

The Administration Manager drew Members' attention to a previous minute (CV/2002/121).

After some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Officers be asked to compile a recommended list of bands that could be asked to perform at civic events throughout the year.

#### **CV/2005/11: AWARD OF HOMEFRONT LOTTERY GRANT FOR THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AT LISNABREENY**

The Director of Administration & Community Services reported that an application for funding to the Home Front Programme, in association with Cregagh & Wandsworth Royal British Legion, had been approved. The sum of £7,970 had been awarded to cover expenses relating to the civic event planned for Lisnabreeny on 8 May 2005, which would include renovations to the site, the erection of a plaque, a memorial bench and a service held in the format of a 1945 Memorial Day service. A civic luncheon and commemorative medallions had also been approved.

Members congratulated the Officers on their success and suggested that the former Working Group should be reformed, and that Mr Mike Dobson from the National Trust, the Council's former Parks Manager, Mr Ted Brown, and members from the Royal British Legion should be invited to join the group.

Members concurred, and it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Lisnabreeny Working Group be reinstated in order to progress arrangements for the dedication to the former Lisnabreeny Cemetery, with the Chairman agreeing a suitable date with the Officers;
- (b) That invitations be sent out to Mr Mike Dobson, the Council's former Parks Manager and members from the Royal British Legion, asking them to join the Lisnabreeny Working Group.

**CV/2005/12: VISIT BY AMERICAN WAR VETERANS**

The Director of Administration & Community Services informed the Committee that a party of American war veterans would be touring the province in April 2005, and it was hoped that a visit to the former Lisnabreeny Cemetery would be included in the itinerary. For this purpose, the morning of Thursday, 28 April 2005, had been provisionally decided on, and with Members' agreement, a reception for the visitors could also be held on that day.

RESOLVED: That Officers be asked to organise a small reception for visiting American war veterans on 8 May 2005, in consultation with the Mayor and Chairman of the Civic Committee.

**CV/2005/13: CIVIC RECEPTION – TA VOLUNTEERS**

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that she had received correspondence from Major Colin Sykes of 220 Ambulance Squadron TA Volunteers, requesting the Council's support to host a civic reception during March 2005 for soldiers who had recently been deployed to Iraq. Officers felt that Freeman of the Borough who served in 204 Field Hospital TA Volunteers should also be included, given their direct involvement with the Council, and contact had therefore been made with Major Dave Rowen, who had confirmed that 43 members of 204 Field Hospital had also been deployed.

Members debated over which format the proposed reception should take. As the Civic Building was not licensed to cater for more than 120 persons, the Director of Administration & Community Services suggested using a local hotel. However, the Administration Manager informed the Committee that La Mon House Hotel was booked out and would not be available until April 2005. Alderman Henderson and Councillor Beattie further suggested the Ice Bowl or Billy Neill Centre as suitable venues.

Councillor Sandford objected that an event of this kind was unnecessary and could easily escalate in that other bodies might wish to hold similar events.

The Director informed Members that some monies remained within the 2004/05 Civic Events budget, which could be used for this event, and that a cost of £12 per head should be set aside.

After further discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Councillor Copeland, and

RESOLVED: That a civic reception be arranged for personnel from 220 Ambulance Squadron TA Volunteers and 204 Field Hospital TA Volunteers in Dundonald Ice Bowl during March, subject to availability.

#### **CV/2005/14: BATTLE OF THE FREEMEN EVENT**

The Director of Administration & Community Services stated that a preliminary meeting had taken place with representatives from the Royal Irish Regiment. Major Geoff Mockan had been assigned responsibility for the preparations for this event on Saturday, 9 April 2005.

Noted.

#### **CV/2005/15: CIVIC RECEPTION FOR MALCOLM BRODIE MBE**

The Director of Administration & Community Services reiterated a proposal from Alderman P Robinson that the Council hold a presentation to honour Mr Malcolm Brodie's long-standing service to sports journalism and his recent award of an MBE, asking Members to consider the likely format and date.

As Castlereagh Sports Advisory Committee intended to hold an awards ceremony in April, Councillor Beattie suggested that contact should be made with the Sports Development Officer to consider a joint event. The Administration Manager advised that some funding would be available in the 2005/06 Estimates to cover the presentation to Mr Brodie.

Councillor M Robinson thought that the reception might have to be held in autumn and suggested that Officers contact Alderman PD Robinson, the proposer of the motion.

After some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Administration Manager contact the Sports Development Officer with regard to having the presentation to honour Mr Malcolm Brodie's long-standing service to sports journalism at the awards ceremony being organised by Castlereagh Sports Advisory Committee in April.

**CV/2005/16: THE WILLIAM KEOWN TRUST**

The Director of Administration & Community Services drew Members' attention to a request from the William Keown Trust, inviting the Council to purchase a table at their forthcoming 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner. She stated that Council had received numerous requests from other charitable trusts, and it was difficult to obtain a full attendance due to prior engagements.

Noted.

**CV/2005/17: CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Administration Manager confirmed that, together with the Chief Executive and the Direct Services Manager, she had inspected a number of trees in Ballysallagh Forest, and that four trees had been earmarked for Christmas 2005.

Noted.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**CV/2005/18: ULSTER AVIATION SOCIETY**

The Administration Manager advised that, following a visit by Council to the Ulster Aviation Society, a donation was to be considered at Committee by way of a contribution to the organisation for housing the Council's Jet Provost plane. As yet this had not been actioned. Councillor M Robinson felt that this matter should be referred to the Finance & Leisure Services Committee. However, after some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That a donation of £500 from the Civic budget be made to the Ulster Aviation Society towards the cost of housing the Council's Jet Provost plane.

As there was no further business, the meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**Adopted by the Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ 2005 with the exception of**  
**Minute Nos. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**