

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Central Services Committee held, in committee, in the committee room, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB on Monday, 13th February 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs M Chambers
(in the chair)

ALDERMEN: J Norris MBE
G Rice (until 7.45 p.m.)

COUNCILLORS: J Beattie
Mrs J Cochrane (until 9.05 p.m.)
C Hall
Miss R Hughes MBE
T Jeffers
G Robinson
J Spratt

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Administration & Community Services,
Community Services Manager, Administration
Manager, and Assistant Members' Services
Officer.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were recorded on behalf of Councillors
Bunting and Long.

**TABLED: MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2006**

Noted.

REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION MANAGER CIVIC SERVICES

At the Council meeting held on 23rd February, it was resolved that the undermentioned Minute No. CS/2006/19 be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

CS/2006/19 : SOMME PILGRIMAGE - 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Administration Manager reminded Members that this matter had been tabled for consideration at the November meeting, where it had been agreed that an event should be organised within the Borough to mark the occasion. She advised that Officers were subsequently asked to draw up proposals for a suitable event and report back to Committee.

The Officer continued that in order to discuss a format for the event, a meeting had been convened with a representative from the Cregagh, Wandsworth & Ormeau Branch of the Royal British Legion. During the meeting, however, the representative stated that some 40 officers from the local branch, together with senior officers from RBL Headquarters would be travelling to France for the celebrations and that very few events were being organised in the province.

On this basis she asked Members to consider if they wished Officers to proceed with arrangements for an event within the Borough, or whether they wished to reconsider and instead travel to the Somme for the official celebrations.

The Administration Manager then provided Members with a detailed overview of the itinerary for the Somme trip, which was being organised by Cregagh, Wandsworth & Ormeau Royal British Legion, together with costings from the 2004 trip made by Council.

Councillor Beattie highlighted that there had been no provision made in the civic budget for this event and therefore it would not be possible for the Council to be represented.

Councillor Norris and Alderman Hall stated that they were disappointed that the Council would not be represented, particularly as this was the 90th Anniversary.

Members agreed that it was unfortunate that the Council could not attend, but suggested that if the new Mayor wished to attend to represent the Council, they could do so with the costs being met out of the Mayoral allowance.

Councillor Robinson suggested that if the Mayor was not attending, the Council request that the Cregagh, Wandsworth & Ormeau Royal British Legion, who would be attending the Somme Pilgrimage, be requested to lay a wreath on behalf of the Council.

It was therefore

RESOLVED: - Members agreed that

- (a) The Administration Manager contact representatives from the Cregagh, Wandsworth & Ormeau Royal British Legion, requesting that should the Council not be attending the 2006 Somme Pilgrimage, that they lay a wreath on the Council's behalf at the event;
- (b) the Administration Manager forward all correspondence relating to the 2006 Somme Pilgrimage to the Mayor's Secretary, to enable the incoming Mayor to decide if they wished to represent the Council at this event, with all costs being meet through the Mayoral budget.

CS/2006/20: LA MON COMMITTEE

The Administration Manager drew Members' attention to the minutes of the La Mon Committee meeting, held in the Civic Offices, on Friday 27 January 2006.

In particular the Officer asked Members to note that the Committee would be holding a Civic Ceremony in the Civic Offices on Friday 24 February 2006 to acknowledge recipients of the School La Mon Bursary Awards 05/06 and to launch the New Adult Scheme.

She reported that an invitation had been extended to all Council Members and an official letter of invitation would be forwarded in due course.

Noted.

**CS/2006/21 : MATTERS RELATING TO THE LATE GEORGE BEST
(Minute Ref No: CS/2006/13 refers)**

The Director of Administration & Community Services reminded Members that the above minute had been taken back at the February Council meeting due to the concerns over the resale on eBay.

Members discussed the best method to generate the highest revenue which would be donated to the George Best Liver Foundation.

Members suggested that it would be appropriate to discuss any proposal with the Best family.

The Director of Administration & Community Services also advised that the Council had now received a substantial number of Condolence Books for the late Dr George Best, and asked Members to consider how they would wish to officially present the books to the Best family. She explained the background in this respect.

Following consideration, Members felt it would be appropriate to present the Books of Condolence to Mr Dickie Best, as head of the Best family.

Finally, the Director reminded Members that the Council had been inundated with requests for copies of the Order of Service, she specifically referred to those involved in the organisation of the funeral service who did not receive copies on the day. She again advised Members of the background.

The Mayor advised that he had been approached by the under 9's Football league, who had recently been renamed as the above, apparently with the permission of George Best's family.

He continued that they were requesting that he provide a trophy.

Members stated that they saw no problem in the Mayor providing such a trophy, as the Council had nothing to do with the specific name of the football

group, however, it was suggested that the Director clarify this matter with the Council's Solicitor prior to proceeding.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Director of Administration & Community Services should discuss the various matters with the Council's legal advisors in order to determine the best approach.

It was therefore

RESOLVED: - Members agreed that subject to the receipt of satisfactory legal advice that

- (a) the Director of Administration & Community Services discuss the various matters with the Council's legal advisors in order to determine the best approach.

Furthermore, that other matters would be discussed with Mr Best as head of the family.

CS/2006/22: UPDATE ON PROPOSED MEMORIAL

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that she along with the Chairman of the Committee attended a meeting held in City Hall, on Thursday 2 February 2006, with representatives of the Best family. The aim of this meeting was to establish the family's wishes in regarding a proposed memorial to George Best.

The Director of Administration & Community Services reported that Mr Dickie Best had outlined at the meeting that although the family were very grateful for all that Castlereagh Borough Council did in organising the funeral, he felt any Memorial should be in the Capital City, Belfast.

Members expressed their disappointment in this decision; however, felt they had no alternative but to accept the family's view.

The Director confirmed that she had advised that the Council and the local community would be keen for a memorial to be placed on the Bells Bridge Roundabout, as this represented an area where Belfast, Castlereagh and George's home area, namely Cregagh, came together.

The Director advised that another meeting had been scheduled to take place, in the City Hall on 21 February 2006, where the Best family planned to update the Committee on their wishes. She sought Members' views as to whether it would be necessary, in light of the decision taken, for Officers from Castlereagh Borough Council to attend any future meetings.

Whilst both her and the Chairman would be attending, she felt that if the memorial was to be sited in Belfast City, there was no official role for Council in this respect.

Following consideration it was

RESOLVED: - Members agreed

- (a) that Officers attend the meeting, to be held in the City Hall, on 21 February 2006 to listen to what was being proposed.
- (b) in the event the family confirm their decision to erect a memorial within Belfast City Centre, the Council to reconsider its position in this regard.

CS/2006/23: CORRESPONDENCE FROM ALDERMAN MRS I ROBINSON

The Administration Manager drew Members' attention to correspondence received from Alderman Iris Robinson MP MLA, regarding proposals relating to details of a possible memorial to the late George Best. This involved a proposal from a local artist, Ann Aitchison, for the Council to purchase a series of paintings as a permanent memorial to Dr George Best.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:- That, the Director of Administration & Community Services pass on the correspondence to the Register of Ideas held by Belfast City Council and also retain a copy in the Castlereagh Borough Council file until a final decision has been reached by the Council.

CS/2006/24: MANCHESTER UNITED MUSEUM – GEORGE BEST MEMORABILIA

The Administration Manager requested permission to take some George Best memorabilia to Manchester, when attending the Service of Commemoration for Dr George Best being held in March 2006, at Manchester Cathedral.

Members agreed that this would be in order.

Councillor Robinson advised that he had a disk of professional photographs taken at the George Best funeral, he stated that he would be willing to display these at the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED: - Members agreed

- (a) That the Administration Manager be authorised to take George Best memorabilia to Manchester, for presentation by the Mayor to the Manchester United Museum, in particular a Freedom of the Borough medallion and brochure, along with pictures taken at the event;

- (b) that Councillor Robinson display photographs of the George Best funeral at the next meeting of the Committee.

CS/2006/25: TREE PLANTING IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MRS GRETA FALLOON MBE

The Administration Manager advised that she, along with Civic Events Officer had met with Mr Tommy Falloon on Tuesday 7th February 2006, in order to discuss the details of the above event.

She continued that Mr Falloon was keen to hold a tree planting ceremony and the suggested date was 31 March 2006, which would have been Mrs Falloon's Birthday. The Officer continued that Mr Falloon had requested that, if possible, the Recycled Teenagers be invited to attend.

Members expressed their delight that this event was proceeding. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: - Members agreed

- (a) that the Council would host a tree planting ceremony in memory of the late Mrs Greta Falloon MBE, followed by a buffet lunch, tea dance and Easter Bonnet competition be held in the Council function suite, on the 31 March 2006;
- (b) the Recycled Teenagers and Community Representatives, as agreed by Officers and Mr Falloon be invited to attend (approximately 80 people).

CS/2006/26: 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOSPITAL RADIO

The Administration Manager drew Members' attention to correspondence received from Ms Sonia Duffy, Ulster Hospital Radio, highlighting that it would be celebrating 30 years of broadcasting in April 2006.

The Officer advised that the Radio Station was the first in Northern Ireland to broadcast 24/7 to hospital patients in an attempt to help aid the recovery process through music. She highlighted that this station was run entirely by volunteers, who give freely of their time.

The Officer advised that Ms Duffy was requesting that Members consider hosting a small reception in the civic offices in order to mark the 30th Anniversary of hospital radio, in the Ulster Hospital.

In light of the fact that there was no budget to host such events, the Deputy Mayor was requested to host a small reception to mark this anniversary.

Alderman Mrs Rice indicated that she would be in agreement to this request, and it was therefore

RESOLVED: - That the Administration Manager liaise with the Deputy Mayor in respect of her hosting a small civic reception to mark the 30th Anniversary of hospital radio, in the Ulster Hospital.

CS/2006/27: VISIT BY MAYOR OF KENT IN MAY 2005

The Administration Manager reminded Members that the Mayor of Kent had visited the Borough in May 2005, along with his wife. At the time, a small gathering of Councillors and Officers had met them for dinner, and the Chief Executive paid the bill of £291.20 by corporate credit card.

The Officer advised that permission was being sought to code the amount to the civic budget, she confirmed that sufficient funds were available within the budget.

RESOLVED: - That Officers arrange to code the amount of £291.20 to the civic budget, in respect of the hospitality costs associated with the visit by the Mayor of Kent, in May 2005.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

CS/2006/28: FAIR TRADE TOWN

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised Members that a meeting had been scheduled for Monday 20 February 2006 at 6.30 p.m. in the Council Offices, to enable discussion to take place regarding Fair Trade Town.

The Director asked Members to note the change of venue from the Ice Bowl to the Council Offices.

Several Members requested that the meeting be held at 6.30 p.m. rather than 7.00 p.m.

RESOLVED: - Members agreed that the meeting regarding Fair Trade Town be held on Monday 20 February at 6.30 p.m., in the Council Offices.

CS/2006/29: NEW MARRIAGE FEES 2006

The Director of Administration & Community Services drew Members' attention to the proposed new marriage fees for 2006.

RESOLVED: - Members approved the marriage fees for 2006, as outlined the Director of Administration & Community Service's report.

CS/2006/30: ANNUAL TENDERS

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that the opening of the annual tenders had been postponed, due to the ongoing postal strike. She continued that a review of returns had been carried out by staff to make a comparison in the tenders receipted in 2005, and based on the fact that there did not appear to be a significant difference in tenders received it was being recommended that Officers proceed to arrange to carry out the official opening of the annual tenders.

RESOLVED: - Members agreed that Officers proceed to arrange the official opening of the 2006 annual tenders.

CS/2006/31: SAVE ENERGY POSTERS

The Director of Administration & Community Services requested permission for the Arena Network Officer to erect save energy posters at various staff locations throughout the Council Offices.

RESOLVED: - Members granted the Arena Network Officer permission to erect save energy posters at photocopiers and in staff kitchens throughout the Council Offices.

At this stage in proceedings Alderman Mrs Rice and the Administration Manager left the meeting.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES & THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS

CS/2006/32: TRIBUTE MURAL TO GEORGE BEST

The Director of Administration & Community Services drew Members' attention to correspondence received from Cregagh Community Forum seeking a meeting with Council representatives, in order to discuss the removal of the paramilitary mural at Cappagh Gardens, which would be replaced by a tribute mural to George Best. She advised that it was her understanding that the Forum would also be looking for funding from the Council's Community Relations Programme to cover this project.

The Director stated that she was keen to ensure that this project would not be viewed as the Council's memorial to George Best but as a community initiative, particularly in light of the discussions earlier in the meeting.

Following a query, the Director confirmed that having spoken to the Forum and Council Staff, she was advised that Elected Members were not appointed to sit on the Cregagh Forum, as per the Forum's official constitution.

Members stressed the importance of staff not attending meetings about new projects without the prior approval of their Director, and questioned why discussions had already taken place regarding the mural.

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that she had already discussed this with the relevant staff, and on this basis, she was now seeking clarification from Members as to whether they wished Officers to attend the aforementioned meeting. She added that there were occasions when it was necessary for community workers to attend outside meetings, for example to assist with outside funding applications, which had no financial implications for the Council. The Director clarified that the attendance at such meetings would firstly have to be cleared through the Community Services Manager who would consider it within the context of their work objectives and priorities.

Members then referred to the January work programme reports from Officers within the Community Services section, which had been forwarded with the Agenda.

Following discussion, Members felt that due to the volume of information contained in the report it would be more appropriate to convene a special meeting to deal specifically with these reports.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: - Members agreed

- (a) that the Director of Administration & Community Services attend a meeting with Cregagh Community Forum, along with Community Services relevant staff to discuss Cregagh Community Forum's proposal to remove the paramilitary mural at Cappagh Gardens, to be replaced by a tribute mural to George Best;
- (b) to convene a special Central Services Meeting on Wednesday 22 February, at 10.30 a.m. to enable Members to consider the January work programme reports, with the Director of Administration & Community Services and Community Services Manager in attendance.

CS/2006/33: UPDATE ON CAB

Advice Services - Outreach Project

The Director drew Members' attention to a copy of the latest quarterly report from the CAB regarding the advice centres that operate within the Borough.

She asked Members to specifically note the total number of clients and benefits maximized over the period reviewed.

Mobile Advice Unit

The Director advised that the Community Services Manager had been in discussion with Officers from the LSP, and while it was initially reported that monies may be available to provide a Mobile Advice Unit, it was now understood that this project would not fall within the priorities agreed by the partnership.

DSD Report on advice and information strategy

The Director reminded Members that she had been to provide a brief outline of the advice and information strategy, launched by the DSD in January.

She drew Members' attention to an extract from the recent CAB report, which summarised the basis of this strategic framework.

Additional grant aid for Advice Services

The Director also drew Members' attention to a copy of a letter received from Voluntary Community Unit, regarding additional funding which would be available to Council for the provision of advice services. She asked Members to note that the Council previously received £6000.00 of grant aid per annum, which had recently been increased to £11,400 which was then offset against the CAB outreach project. She explained that this would mean that the Council would receive a further £5000.00, which would have to be matched pound for pound.

She also confirmed that the provision of £28,000 had been made in the 2006/2007 estimates to cover this project, and it was understood that a similar amount (£11,401) would be provided in 06/07, in grant aid, bringing the agreed net contribution to £17,000.

Noted.

CS/2006/34: VCU ADDITIONAL MONIES FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT PLAN

The Director of Administration & Community Services drew Members' attention to correspondence received from the Voluntary & Community Unit, regarding additional grant aid available to Castlereagh Borough Council of £9480.00, to enable the Council to continue with the established community support planning process, and to adhere to the good practice guide for community support planning.

On this basis, the Director sought the committees approval to appoint relevant outside support services eg. Research / consultancy personnel, in order to take the process forward. She asked Members to note that a considerable

amount of the work would be carried out, “in house”, by the Community Development Workers and Community Services Manager.

RESOLVED: - Members agreed that the Director of Administration & Community Services proceed to appoint the relevant outside support services in accordance with fiscal policies.

CS/2006/35: VISIT TO BROMLEY BY BOW

The Director of Administration & Community Services reminded Members that during a deputation from the United Churches in Newtownbreda, discussion ensued regarding the Bromley by Bow project and the possibility of developing this concept within the proposed Newtownbreda / Forster Green facility.

She continued that the social economy worker for Hanwood was due to visit the project, along with a number of community representatives, over the next month. The Director sought Members views as to whether they felt it would be worthwhile for the Council to visit (as a separate delegation) some time during 2006.

Councillor Robinson stated that he had recently been invited to a presentation in the Hanwood Centre, from staff working at Bromley by Bow and he proposed that a delegation of the Committee visit this project, which was a very worthwhile initiative. He suggested that the Director of Administration & Community Services liaise with the social economy worker regarding details. The Community Services Manager also advised that there may be potential capacity funding becoming available to assist with such a visit, under the auspices of the Council's European BSP Programme.

Councillor Spratt seconded this proposal.

RESOLVED: -

- (a) Members of the Committee agreed ‘in principle’ that a delegation from the Central Services Committee visit in Bromley by Bow project at some stage during 2006, and requested that the Director of Administration & Community Services liaise with the social economy worker for Hanwood in respect of the details.
- (b) The Community Services Manager to investigate the possibility of obtaining funding for the visit under the auspices of the Council's European BSP Programme.

CS/2006/36: UPDATE ON MONEYREAGH / NEWTOWNBRED A / ENLER COMMUNITY FACILITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT CIRCULATED AT MEETING)

The Director advised that she had prepared the above supplementary report to update Members on the status of the various projects, as follows:

MONEYREAGH COMMUNITY FACILITY

1. The Board of Governors have agreed in principle to the land swap in order for the Council to obtain an access route through the school grounds. Copy maps have been made available to the Principal, and these will be tabled at the next meeting of the Governors, which is due to be held on Monday 13th February 2006.
2. While the SEE&LB have agreed in principle to an access route through the school, a meeting has been arranged with Board officials for Wednesday 15th February 2006, in order to advance any legal requirements. It is not clear at this stage if Department of Education approval will also have to be sought.
3. The appointed Architects are currently working on the scheme design. In order that the Committee can agree the content within the agreed timeframe, a special meeting will be required during the week beginning 20th February 2006.
4. There still remains issues regarding the covenant on the site, and to date the Solicitor representing the family concerned, has been unable to seek their agreement, regarding the value, for the removal of the covenant. Obviously this may have an effect on the overall time frame for the project and I will keep Members advised of progress being made.
5. Outline planning permission has been obtained for the facility.

ENLER SITE

The Director advised that the following items had been progressed:

1. A meeting with the Design Team was held on Friday 10th February 2006, with a full meeting of the partnership committee scheduled for 15th February 2006.
2. Various design requirements were discussed to include the Council's initial design specifications.
3. It is intended that a meeting of user groups, presently hiring the Ballybeen Activity Centre, will be held over the next three to four weeks, to seek their views on design specification and requirements.
4. A meeting will also be held with Ballybeen Activity Centre staff to again discuss their recommendations for any new building.
5. Further details regarding the proposed leasing arrangements from Landmark East to the Council have been requested, and it is hoped that this will be made available over the forthcoming months.
6. Planning permission is still to be obtained for the project.

FORSTER GREEN / NEWTOWNBREDA CENTRE

1. A meeting was held with Trust officials on Monday 6th February 2006. A full design specification has not yet been prepared, although it is hoped that this will be available in the near future.
2. Planning permission is still to be obtained for the project.
3. As yet the issue of land transfer and the appropriate value has not been resolved. It is understood that the Trust will be approaching the VLA this week, in order that a value can be obtained and presented to Council for approval.
4. The Trust is keen to agree an initial “heads of agreement” and also to begin discussions on the proposed management arrangements. It is therefore intended to meet more regularly in order that these matters can be progressed. I will continue to keep the Committee advised of developments, and once more detailed costings have been obtained, these will be tabled for approval.

CREGAGH YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

She outlined the current position regarding the Cregagh Youth & Community Centre funding and outstanding legal issues with the SEE&LB:-

1. Due to legal problems encountered and acting on the advice of the Council’s Solicitor, no monies have yet been handed over to the SEE&LB, in respect of the Council’s contribution towards the capital costs.
2. While it is now understood that the outstanding problems in respect of the covenants on the site have been resolved, the Board are only proposing a 99 year title on the building, despite having originally approved 999 years on the 18th November 2002, which was subsequently confirmed in a letter from Mr Sloan on the 13th January 2003.
3. Our Legal Advisors do not feel that the proposed 99-year term gives the Council sufficient protection for such an extensive capital investment. There are also concerns regarding:-
 - Capital investment / audit requirements.
 - Possible diminishment of value and re-mortgaging / re-sale (Review of Public Administration concern)
 - Potential inability to obtain a capital loan with only a 99-year surety on the premises.

On this basis they are recommending that the Council does not proceed to sign the lease under the terms proposed by the SEE&LB.

Following consideration of the above report it was subsequently

RESOLVED: - Members of the Committee

- (a) noted the Director’s update report in respect of the Enler Site and Forster Green/Newtownbreda Centre;

- (b) agreed to defer the design team specifications relating to Moneyreagh Community Facility to the Special meeting of the Central Services Committee, being held on Wednesday 22 February 2006;
- (c) once the design team specification had been approved by Council Members undertook to give a commitment to convene a public meeting for the residents of Moneyreagh. As MP for the area, Alderman Mrs Robinson to be consulted to ensure she would be available to attend this meeting prior to a date being arranged;
- (d) recommended to Council that they do not proceed to sign the lease for Cregagh Youth & Community Centre under the terms proposed by the South Eastern Education & Library Board, as detailed in the Director's report.

CS/2006/37: COMMUNITY RELATIONS STRATEGY

The Director drew Members' attention to a copy of the draft Community Relations Strategy & Audit for 2006 / 2007.

Members agreed to consider these at the special meeting being held on 22 February 2006.

RESOLVED: - Members agreed to defer the draft Community Relations Strategy & Audit for 2006/07, for consideration at the special meeting of the Committee, being held on 22 February 2006.

CS/2006/38: COMMUNITY RELATIONS SEMINAR/RESIDENTIAL FOR COUNCILLORS

Members referred to correspondence that they had received in respect of the above and stated that they would have preferred specific dates to have been suggested by Officers.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: - that the Community Relations Officer liaise with Members in order to proceed with the arrangements for the above training session.

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

CS/2006/39: GREEN GRAVES DRAMA GROUP

The Community Services Manager updated Members in respect of a recent meeting with the above group.

Councillor Robinson outlined in detail the funding difficulties that the group were currently experiencing. The Director of Administration & Community Services advised caution in respect of setting a precedent, and also stated

that she would need to check the current position regarding any outstanding rentals owing.

The Mayor stated that he may be willing to assist this group, should this only be on a short term basis.

Detailed discussion ensued, following which it was

RESOLVED: - Members of the Committee requested that the Director of Administration & Community Services check the Council's current position with the Officers updating Members at the March meeting of the Committee.

CS/2006/40: ARTS MATTERS - VERBAL ARTS FESTIVAL

The Community Services Manager advised Members that the Annual Verbal Arts Festival was taking place between 15th-25th February 2006 and would comprise of a series of drama productions, song-writing events, storytelling sessions and literary readings.

He advised that the Arts Officer had requested that her thanks to be recorded to staff and Elected Members of the Council who had shown their continued support for the Arts during her time in post, he confirmed that she had now left the Council's employment.

Interviews for a replacement were being held on 21 February 2006.

Noted.

ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

CS/2006/41: BRIGHT LIGHTS DANCERS

The Community Services Manager referred Members to the details of above application. He outlined the background of the applicant, project information and costs applied for.

Following consideration it was

RESOLVED: - That Council be recommended to approve that Bright Lights Dancers receive £200.00 as a contribution towards their programme as the project meets the aims and objectives of Castlereagh Borough Council's arts development programme and fulfills the criteria by raising awareness of the performing arts in Castlereagh, encouraging participation and promoting cultural diversity through dance.

CS/2006/42: BEST CELLARS MUSIC COLLECTIVE, BALLYBEEN SQUARE.

The Community Services Manager referred Members to the details of above application. He outlined the background of the applicant, project information and costs applied for.

RESOLVED: - That Council be recommended to approve that Best Cellars Music Collective receive £200.00 as a contribution towards their programme, given that the project meets the aims and objectives of Castlereagh Borough Council's arts development programme as it:

- aims to encourage participation in music development
- encourages artistic development and increases the music knowledge of the community.
- promotes the cultural diversity of afro-caribbean music.
- provides a measurable outcome in the form of a cd.

CS/2006/43: CAIRNSHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The Community Services Manager referred Members to the details of above application. He outlined the background of the applicant, project information and costs applied for.

RESOLVED: - That Council be recommended to approve that Cairnshill Primary School receive £200.00 as a contribution towards their programme as the project meets the aims and objectives of Castlereagh Borough Council's arts development programme in the following ways:

- aims to encourage participation in music & dance development, and brings together children & adults with learning difficulties, providing them with an opportunity to learn from each other.
- encourages artistic development and increases the music & dance knowledge of the participants.
- promotes the cultural diversity of different types of music and dance and brings together people from very different backgrounds.
- provides a measurable outcome in the form of a performance piece.

CS/2006/44: BALLYBEEN WOMEN'S CENTRE

The Community Services Manager referred Members to the details of above application. He outlined the background of the applicant, project information and costs applied for.

RESOLVED: - That Council be recommended to approve that the Ballybeen Women's Group receive £200.00 as a contribution towards their programme as the project meets the aims and objectives of Castlereagh Borough Council's arts development programme as it:

- aims to encourage participation in crafts
- encourages artistic development and increases the skills and knowledge of the community.
- provides a measurable outcome in the form that they can pass their skills onto a number of communities.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS MATTERS

CS/2006/45: ULSTER SCOTS EVENT – 20 JANUARY 2006

RESOLVED: - that the Council be recommended to grant retrospective approval for £500.00 from the Community Relations Cultural Activities budget, to be used for the Ulster Scots event run by the council on Friday 20th January 2006, in the La Mon House Hotel.

GRANT AID – COMMUNITY RELATIONS

CS/2006/46: BALLYBEEN WOMEN'S CENTRE

The Community Services Manager referred Members to the details of above application. He outlined the background of the applicant, and costs applied for.

RESOLVED: - That Council be recommended to approve that Ballybeen Women's Centre receive £500.00 as a contribution to the overall costs of the 'Learning Other Cultures Project', which meets with the aims and objectives of Castlereagh Borough Council community relation's programme.

At this stage in proceedings Councillor Cochrane left the meeting.

CS/2006/47: CARRYDUFF AND DISTRICT DRUM MAJORS

The Community Services Manager referred Members to the details of above application. He outlined the background of the applicant, and costs applied for.

RESOLVED: - That Council be recommended to approve that Carryduff and District Drum Majors be awarded £500.00 cover costs for an evening to celebrate and promote the culture of Ulster Scots, as this project meets with the set criteria found out by Castlereagh Borough Council Community Relations Programme.

CS/2006/48: CAPACITY BUILDING MATTERS - PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNITY TRAINING.

The Community Services Manager advised that in line with the aims of the BSP programme, the Capacity Building Officer would like to provide training for the Community Groups of Castlereagh Borough. He outlined that the programme had been approved by the DSD and stated that the cost would be covered via the Capacity Building Officers Training Budget.

RESOLVED: - Members granted the Capacity Building Officer approval to proceed with the proposed training for Community Groups of the Castlereagh Borough Council area, with all costs being met via the Capacity Building Officers Training Budget with no cost to the Council.

CS/2006/49: CASTLEREAGH COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The Community Services Manager advised that quotations had been received from the following companies, in respect of the Castlereagh Community Directory.

Db design - £3255.00
Tdp advertising - £4405.00
Three creative company - £2140.00
Leisa McClure (DIIB) - £1070.00

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that Council accept the quotation from the Council's in-house Graphic Designer, with a draft of the Castlereagh Community Directory being tabled at a future meeting for Members' approval.

CS/2006/50: SEEDING GRANT APPLICATION - CARRYDUFF RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The Community Services Manager referred Members to the details of above application. He outlined the background of the applicant, and costs applied for.

RESOLVED: - That Council be recommended to approve that Carryduff Retirement Association receive a seeding grant of £100.00, as their group meets the criteria set by Council with regards to seeding grants.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CS/2006/51: EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Councillor Norris requested that Officers arrange for emergency evacuation training to be organised for all Councillors.

RESOLVED: - Members of the Committee requested that the Director of Administration & Community Services arrange training on emergency evacuation procedures for all Members of Council.

Furthermore, that a fire drill and training of evacuation procedures be held for all nominated Councillors to enable Members to use the premises after hours without the need for additional indoor security.

CS/2005/52: CORRESPONDENCE FROM ULSTER SCOTS AGENCY

The Mayor advised that he had received correspondence from the above organisation regarding a proposed cross-border project.

RESOLVED: - Members of the Committee supported 'in principle' the proposal from the Ulster Scots Agency to set up a cross-border initiative, but

requested that the correspondence be deferred to the March Council meeting for consideration by full Council.

CS/2006/53: ULSTER SCOTS EVENT – 20 JANUARY 2006

The Mayor thanked the Committee for their financial assistance towards the aforementioned event, he advised that approximately £1600.00 had been raised for the Mayor's Charity.

Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of
_____ 2006 with the exception of

Minute Nos. _____

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE