

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceeding of the Central Services Committee held, in committee, in the Function Suite, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB on Monday, 13 March 2006 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs M Chambers
(in the Chair)

ALDERMEN: Alderman J Norris MBE

COUNCILLORS: Councillor J Beattie
Councillor Mrs J Cochrane
Councillor C Hall
Councillor Miss R Hughes MBE
Councillor T Jeffers
Councillor M Long (until 22.20)
Councillor G Robinson (until 20.15)
Councillor J Spratt

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies were recorded on behalf of Councillor J
Bunting

CS/2006/61: MINUTES

Tabled:- Minutes of the Central Services Committee held on 13 February 2006 (copy enclosed).

Noted.

CS/2006/62: DEPUTATION FROM CREGAGH FORUM RE: GEORGE BEST MEMORIAL MURAL

Mrs Irene Williamson, Mr D Geddis and Mrs Margaret Montgomery were then invited to address the meeting on the Forums' proposals for a George Best Memorial Mural. Mrs Williamson began by outlining the detail of a planned community event which was due to take place in Cregagh during May. The day of activities would include a cross-community football element and other fun activities (funding permitting), culminating with the unveiling of a George Best Memorial Mural.

Mrs Williamson went on to state, that the Forums reason for coming to Committee as a deputation was to seek Council support for a number of matters to include:-

- 1 Community Relations Funding towards the removal of the paramilitary mural to replace it with the George Best Memorial Mural.
- 2 The use of the Cregagh Centre on Saturday 22 May 2006 for the Community activities either free of charge, or staff time cost only.
- 3 The use of the ground adjacent to the Community Centre for Community activities.
- 4 Support of Community Development Staff to assist with the planning and running of the events.
- 5 The use of the new pitch at Cregagh for the Football Tournament.
- 6 Clear up of the site after the event.

Members discussed the proposal confirming that they felt that it represented an excellent community initiative worthy of Council support. Following questions from the members Mrs Williamson confirmed that discussions had already taken place with Mr Dickie Best regarding the mural, and the family were in full agreement with the proposed plans.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:- That

- (a) Subject to the Community Relations funding application from Cregagh Community Forum meeting the required criteria, retrospective approval be granted for funding of £4,000.00 towards the George Best Memorial Mural, in order that the grant could be claimed out of the 2005/2006 CRU funding underspend.
- (b) The use of the Cregagh Youth & Community Centre be granted on 22 May 2006 at staff time costs only.
- (c) Council approve Staff support time from Community Development personnel to assist with the planning and running of the events.
- (d) The matters relating to the usage of the ground surrounding the Centre and Football pitch, together with the clearing up after the event, be referred to the next meeting of the Technical Services Committee for their consideration and approval.

Councillor John Norris agreed that he would raise these matters with the Technical Services Committee in his capacity as Chairman.

CS/2006/63: MONEYREAGH DESIGN TEAM PROPOSALS

The Chairman, drew Members attention to the fact that the Committee had full executive powers to deal with the Design Team Proposals for the Moneyreagh Centre.

Mr Patrick Toal and Ms Siobhan Brown from Anderson Williamson were then invited to address the Committee on their design proposals. Ms Siobhan Brown began by taking the Members through the document which had been circulated previously, providing further details on the various design implications.

Councillor Spratt expressed concern that there appeared to have been a shift in emphasis from the original design viewed in January, and that the entrance rotunda had been removed from the scheme. He felt that Council Officers had not been authorised to take such action and that the Committee should be given an opportunity to discuss any design changes before they were made. Councillor Chambers stated that the Capital Projects Officer should have been in attendance at the meeting in order to deal with any technical aspects and answer the Members enquiries. The Director of Administration and Community Services stated that Mr Samson had been unavailable, however she would pass on the views of the Members to him, in terms of his future attendance.

The Architects then took Members through the enhanced planned scheme which included the rotunda, and answered a number of questions regarding the proposed layout, health and safety requirements etc.

Councillor Spratt reminded the Committee that there was a requirement to have the scheme signed off as quickly as possible, in order that it could be advanced to the full planning stage.

Councillor Chambers asked the Architects if they could provide detailed costings for the enhanced scheme, and Mr Patrick Toal confirmed that he had not brought the figures with him to the meeting. He undertook therefore to forward the costs to the Committee as quickly as possible, pointing out, that the inclusion of the rotunda would increase the overall estimate.

Members then discussed the upstairs storage area, and agreed that should additional funding become available from the Big Lottery, then the specification could be increased to fit it out. Councillor Jeffers reminded the Committee that there would be a need to provide a specialist mat store, and that the main hall would need to be of an adequate size in order to accommodate the length of an indoor bowling mat.

Members also agreed that there was a requirement to have a dividing screen in the main hall to accommodate smaller Meeting Groups.

Discussion then ensued on the floor surfacing specification and the need for it to be suitable for both sporting activities, and tea dances. Councillor Spratt stated however that as the main bulk of the usage would centre around sporting activities, this should take precedence.

Following further discussion Mr Patrick Toal confirmed that the next stage was to take the scheme forward for planning approval and to the next Design Stage. He therefore agreed to provide the Committee with the costs to include the rotunda, as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: That,

- (a) The Committee agree to accept the Scheme as presented (1C) and requested that the Consultants take it forward to the next stage.
- (b) Officers review the cost element of the traditional build scheme for the new Moneyreagh Centre with the architect, and report back to the April Central Services Committee meeting.

**Reports from the Director of Administration & Community Services,
Administration Manager and Community Services Manager**

SECTION 1: CIVIC SERVICES MATTERS

CS/2006/64: ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

The Chairman extended her best wishes on behalf of the Committee to Mrs Edel Patterson, Administration Manager, who was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health.

CS/2006/65: SOMME PILGRIMAGE (CS/2006/19 refers)

The Director of Administration & Community Services drew Members attention to the fact that the above minute had been taken back at the last Council, and a proposal made that Alderman Mrs Iris Robinson should attend the Somme Pilgrimage to represent the Council, together with an Officer. The Director of Administration & Community Services further confirmed that these arrangements had now been made.

Following a request from Councillor Norris, the Mayor, Councillor Jeffers, confirmed that while the place had been booked in his name, it could be changed to accommodate the incumbent Mayor.

Noted.

CS/2006/66: LA MON COMMITTEE

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised the Committee that the La Mon Annual Award Ceremony had been held in the Civic Offices on Friday 24 February 2006, and was attended by representatives from 11 schools within the catchment area of Castlereagh. She outlined the programme for the day, adding that the event had received considerable media attention.

The Director of Administration & Community Services attached to the report a copy of the criteria for the new adult scheme, asking Members to publicise this throughout the course of their duties.

Councillor Spratt requested that it be put on record that the day had been extremely well organised and he wished to express his thanks to the Officers who had been involved in its planning and organisation.

Councillor Long stated that he would hope that the La Mon Committee would extend the criteria for the Adult Scheme to cover all young people so that it would not just be confined to school children from the Borough. The Director of Administration agreed to raise this at the next meeting of the La Mon Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Director of Administration & Committee Service suggest an amendment to the criteria, at the next meeting of the La Mon Committee, to cover all children from the Borough.

CS/2006/67: MATTERS RELATING TO THE LATE DR GEORGE BEST

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised Members that at the February meeting of Committee, she had been instructed to contact the Council's Solicitor regarding a number of matters. She then reported on the meeting which had taken place in Belfast City Council with representatives of the Council and the Best family. The main thrust of the discussions centred around a proposal to provide a province wide memorial, details of which were confidential until both Councils had approved the details.

Members felt that the idea of a permanent memorial in Belfast City Centre, and a further tribute based in Castlereagh Borough Council Offices but which could travel the Province, would be acceptable. They agreed for the Officers to proceed on this basis.

RESOLVED: That

- (a) The Mayor to host a coffee morning on 23 March 2006 for the Best family in order that the Books of Condolence can be handed over to Mr Dickie Best and family.

- (b) Professor Williamson be contacted to discuss the best way to organise the sale of the medallions.
- (c) The one hundred medallions, set aside for Council Staff and Councillors, be made available at cost price, and go on sale following the March Council Meeting.
- (d) No further action to be taken in respect of the Order of Services

CS/2006/68: TREE PLANTING CEREMONY FOR THE LATE MRS GRETA FALLOON MBE

The Director of Administration & Community Services confirmed that Friday 31 March 2006 had been chosen for the above event, and that the Tree Planting Ceremony would be followed by a Luncheon in the Function Suite. An Easter Bonnet competition would also be judged by the Mayor and a Tea-Dance organised for the Recycled Teenagers. She reported that Letters of Invitation are to be circulated to Elected Members in due course.

Noted:

CS/2006/69: MAYOR'S CHARITY TEN-PIN BOWLING EVENT

The Director of Administration & Community Services reminded Members that the above event would take place in Dundonald International Ice Bowl on Tuesday 14 March 2006.

Noted.

SECTION 2: ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

CS/2006/70: ANNUAL TENDERS

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised Members that due to the recent postal strike, the opening date for Tenders had been extended by one further week. On this basis, the Annual Tender Report with the Recommendations would now have to be tabled at the Council Meeting to be held on 23 March 2006.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Tender Report with Recommendations to be tabled at the Council Meeting at 23 March 2006.

CS/2006/71: LETTER FROM CREGAGH & WANDSWORTH BRITISH LEGION REGARDING DOWNSHIRE HALL

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that she had had some discussion with the above organisation regarding their intentions to acquire alternative premises in the Cregagh area. She advised that they had intended to write to the Committee seeking permission to purchase the Downshire Hall, however to date a letter had not been received.

Following discussions, Members agreed that the Downshire Hall was not available for sale, and that the Cregagh & Wandsworth British Legion should be advised accordingly.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to advise Cregagh & Wandsworth British Legion that the Downshire Hall was not available for sale.

CS/2006/72: LEGAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE FORMER CREGAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE (T&ESC/2005/441 refers)

The Director of Administration & Community Services explained that the above matter had been referred from the Technical Services Committee for Central Services consideration. She further confirmed that the Council's Solicitor had raised some issues regarding the transfer arrangements and relevant costs, and had advised that this should be sorted out in advance of any transfer. The Director of Administration & Community Services therefore sought the Committees permission to report back on this matter once the legal issues have been resolved.

RESOLVED: That, the Director of Administration & Community Services report back to the Committee on this matter once the legal issues have been resolved.

SECTION 3: COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS

Report from the Director of Administration & Community Services

CS/2006/73: COMMUNITY SERVICES TIME RECORDING SYSTEM

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that in order to facilitate the monthly report process to Committee, she was attaching a proposed pro-forma in respect of the weekly time recording sheets for staff, which she had recently introduced within the Community Services. Members were also asked to consider whether they felt the format would provide the information required by them on a monthly basis. Members subsequently approved the content.

RESOLVED: That the pro-forma time recording system as tabled be implemented within the Community Services Department and form the basis of the monthly reports to Committee.

CS/2006/74: CHILDREN IN NORTHERN IRELAND LETTER (CINI)

The Director of Administration & Community Services attached to her report a copy of a letter received regarding District Council Summer Schemes for children with disabilities. She also confirmed that no additional resources had been allocated to cover the inclusion of children with disabilities in the 2006 Estimates, and she outlined the implications of the DDA Legislation.

Following discussion it was resolved that the Community Relations Officer investigate possible funding for specialist summer schemes, for disabled children, with a view to designating one venue in Castlereagh area to cover such a scheme.

RESOLVED: That, the Community Relations Officer investigate possible funding for specialist summer schemes for disabled children with a view to designating one venue in Castlereagh area to cover such a scheme, and report back to Committee at a future meeting.

CS/2006/75: LETTER FROM GLENBURN METHODIST CHURCH

The Director of Administration & Community Services confirmed that she was in receipt of a letter from the Autumn Leaves Church Group regarding a grant towards their annual bus outing. She asked Members to note that the Council did not operate a grant-aid policy for such activities, adding that she was of the view that the Committee would be establishing a precedent if they were to make a financial contribution towards an annual trip. She advised, however, that the Members may wish to consider awarding a seeding grant, providing the Club were constituted and met the relevant criteria.

RESOLVED: That, the Community Services Manager be asked to investigate whether the Autumn Leaves Group met the criteria in respect of a seeding grant and report back to Committee.

CS/2006/76: CONSULTATION MEETING ON DSD – 10 YEAR ADVICE AND INFORMATION STRATEGY

The Director of Administration & Community Services attached for Members information a copy of a letter received regarding a Consultation Session for Council Staff and Elected Representatives regarding the DSD – 10 Year Advice and Information Strategy. She further requested Members to consider whether they wished to nominate a Council Representative to attend the Consultation Session scheduled for Wednesday 29 March 2006, pointing out

that this date also coincided with the date scheduled for the visit to Bromley on Bow.

Noted.

CS/2006/77: SOUTH EASTERN EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARD - SUMMER SCHEMES

The Director of Administration & Community Services attached to her report a letter seeking financial assistance from the South Eastern Education & Library Board towards their summer schemes for children with a variety of learning difficulties. She explained that the schemes would be held in four special schools in the SEELB area. The Director reminded Members that last year she had been asked to approach the Board to ascertain if they would be willing to open the Tor Bank Scheme to all disabled children within the Castlereagh area, thereby allowing the Council to contribute towards a summer scheme open to all disabled children from the Borough, and not just pupils of Tor Bank. The Board, however, were unable to accede to this request advising that, due to operational difficulties, their schemes would only be open to pupils of the school. The Director therefore sought Members views as to whether they would wish to contribute to the cost of the 2006 scheme. Members discussed this proposal but felt that this scheme should remain the responsibility of the South Eastern Education & Library Board, noting that no provision had been in the Council's estimates.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended not to contribute towards the cost of the SEELB 2006 Summer Schemes.

CS/2006/78: UPDATE ON ENLER PROJECT

The Director of Administration & Community Services provided for Members information a copy of the most recent issue of Enler News.

Noted.

CS/2006/79: USE OF COUNCIL FACILITIES BY OUTSIDE GROUPS

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised Members that there have been ongoing discussions regarding the usage of Council facilities by the Bowling Clubs, which had resulted in a series of meetings with the Council's Insurers and Legal Advisers. She confirmed that a further meeting of the Council Working Group was due to be convened within the near future. However, in the interim she asked Members to note the recent legal opinion received regarding the key handling arrangements within the various Community facilities, which were non-staffed. The Director then circulated a copy of the legal opinion received.

The Committees attention was also drawn to a recent telephone call which she had received from representatives of the Dungoyne Bowling Club, who had requested that the Council consider covering the cost of the refurbishment of the upstairs room at a cost of approximately £800. The Director stated that a letter was due to follow and had not yet been received in time for the meeting. Again, she cautioned that no provision had been made in the the 2006 estimates to cover this work.

RESOLVED: That the legal opinion be handed back to the Director of Administration & Community Services for safe keeping, and be referred to the next meeting of the Working Group for their consideration.

CS/2006/80: COMMUNITY SERVICES PRICING POLICY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director of Administration & Community Services drew Members attention to the attached document which outlined the Community Services Pricing Policy which had been implemented following a major review in 2004. She further advised that attached to her report, was a detailed list of the various groups which used the Community Services facilities and the proposed hire rates for 2006/07 in respect of each. She pointed out that prices have been increased in line with inflation.

RESOLVED:

- (a) Members reaffirm the 2004 Community Services Pricing Policy as outlined in the Director of Administration & Community Services in her report.
- (b) Members agreed the detailed pricing schedule for 2006/07 as outlined in the attached report.

CS/2006/81: LETTER FROM THE SOUTH & EAST BELFAST TRUST REGARDING COMMUNITY CENTRE A FORSTER GREEN

The Director of Administration & Community Services circulated a letter dated 13 March 2006 from the Director of Service Development outlining indicative costs for the Forster Green Scheme which was based on a similar sized building to that proposed for Moneyreagh. Members agreed that as there were considerable cost implications involved, that the matter should be referred 'in committee' to the March Council Meeting.

RESOLVED: That the indicative costs, as tabled from the South & East Belfast Trust be referred to the full March Council Meeting 'in committee'.

Report from the Community Services Manager

(copy previously circulated)

CS/2006/82/: APPLICATIONS FOR SEEDING GRANTS – THURSDAY CLUB AND CLONDUFF DINERS CLUB

The Community Services Manager confirmed that applications for Seeding Grants had been received from the above clubs and as both met the criteria he was recommending Seeding Grants of £100.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve that seeding grants of £100 be awarded to the Thursday Club and Clonduff Diners Club.

CS/2006/83: BROMLEY BY BOW VISIT

The Community Services Manager confirmed that contact had been made with officials from the above Centre with the visit scheduled to take place 28th March. He continued that it was his intention to circulate a full programme outlining the extent of visit and the timetable together with travel arrangements for all Members before the departure date.

He advised that included with his report a copy of information regarding the both centres to be visited in order that Members would have time to peruse the detail in advance.

Noted.

CS/2006/84: BONFIRE WORKING GROUP

The Community Services Manager confirmed that following a meeting on Tuesday 28th February, permission was now being sought to hold a one-day training event in order to consider health and safety issues surrounding the bonfire celebrations. He added that if approved, it was hoped that the event would be opened to people within the Borough who are planning cultural celebrations leading up to the 12th of July 2006.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve that the Bonfire Working Group be granted permission to organise a one day training event to consider health and safety issues surrounding the cultural celebrations.

CS/2006/85: GREENGRAVES DRAMA GROUP

The Community Service Manager provided details of the outstanding debt regarding Greengraves adding that it was the Groups' understanding that this had been written off by Council sometime ago.

Discussion then ensued on the previous applications made by Greengraves Group and the fact that audited accounts had not yet been provided to the Council, and that the drama performance had still not taken place, despite two previous grants having been awarded and received.

Councillor Jeffers reminded Members that these were new grant applications relating to a number of different projects.

Councillor Long felt that it was reasonable to ask for accounts in advance of making any decision.

Councillor Beattie concurred with this view.

RESOLVED: That Committee

- (a) reaffirmed Minute reference CS/2005/126 and agreed that no further grant applications from Greengraves Drama Group would be considered until such times that audited accounts had been produced and the Committee were satisfied with the content,
- (b) the Community Services Manager was asked to write to the Group advising them of the Committee's decision.

**CS/2006/86: COMMUNITY RELATIONS GRANT APPLICATION
GREENGRAVES DRAMA GROUP**

Name of Applicant: Greengraves Drama Group

RESOLVED: That the above requested be deferred as per Resolution No CS/2006/85.

**CS/2006/87: COMMUNITY RELATIONS GRANT APPLICATION
CAMPAIGN AGAINST HATE CRIME**

The Community Services Manager confirmed that whilst £1000 had been committed in the Community Relations Strategy for the above project, the actual detailed application had not been brought to the attention of Committee and he was therefore seeking approval for the £1000 allocated in the Strategy to be released.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended approve the £1000 of Community Relations money be used for work with partnership with the PSNI, Victim Support, Community Safety and the Ethnic Worker for Castlereagh.

**CS/2006/88: COMMUNITY RELATIONS GRANT APPLICATION
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S EVENT**

The Community Relations Manager confirmed that the Community Relations Officer in partnership with the Community Development workers and Ethnic Development Officer intended to host an International Women's event Saturday 29th April 2006 in the Civic Centre. He explained the format of the evening and sought the Committee's approval for £1000 allocated in the Community Relation's Strategy to be designated to the provision of an International Women's event.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve £1000 of Community Relations money be used to contribute to the funding of the International Women's event at the Civic Centre on Saturday 29th April 2006.

**CS/2006/89: CASTLEREAGH INTERGENERATIONAL CONFERENCE -
MARCH 2006**

The Community Services Manager confirmed that the above project had already been discussed by Committee and £1000 had been allocated from the Community Relations budget. He was therefore updating Members on the project and that a date had been verified by the Engage with Age Worker (Castlereagh) as the 24th March from 9.30 to 3.30 at Castlereagh Hills Golf Club.

The Manager then took Members through project.

Purpose of conference:

- To introduce community associations, voluntary organizations, young people and older peoples groups in Castlereagh to the concept of intergenerational work
- To share experiences of intergenerational work already undertaken within Castlereagh
- To hear examples of Good Practice in intergenerational work taking place across Northern Ireland
- To explore ways of introducing the principal of intergenerational work within the community sector in Castlereagh
- To produce a simple action plan to move the process forward
- 65 Participants to be drawn from:-
- 20 representatives from Senior Citizens Groups
- 20 representatives from community associations/activism

- 20 young people representing different aspects of youth culture/organization
- 5 representatives from the statutory sector

The total cost for this event will be £1000 from the Community Relations budget as agreed per minute ref: CS/2005/90.
Noted.

CS/2006/90: COMMUNITY RELATIONS STRATEGY 06/07

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that at the Special Central Services Committee meeting Members had gone through the content the Community Relations Strategy and had made a number of recommendations for changes in the budget allocation. As a result the attached Strategy was now being tabled with the inclusion of the various amendments for Members' approval.

RESOLVED: That Members the Committee approved the Community Relations Strategy for 2006/07 as outlined.

CS/2006/91: ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION GREENGRAVES DRAMA GROUP

RESOLVED: That the above be deferred as per attached minute and Resolution no CS/2006/85.

CS/2006/92: ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION – CARRYDUFF YOUTH GROUP

The Community Services Manager informed Members that a Grant Application had been received from Carryduff Youth Group to host an "Arty Party's" project.

He then took Members through some background which included that the Group (Arty Party's) was founded in March 2003 and was self named after a school arts and crafts group of an average of 10 young people. He advised that they meet in Carryduff Presbyterian Church and receive some financial support from the church. He continued that in the past they had worked with candles, wood, clay, card and many more materials and that the aim of the group was to bring young people together with different backgrounds to develop new skills and friendships through a common interest in art and enhancing a sense of value to young people to achieve to the best of their abilities. The Manager advised that the group was open to all young people in the Carryduff area.

The Community Services Manager then took Members through the project which included : The project applied for is called *Easter – What it means to me*. 'Arty Party's target 7-11 year olds. He continued that the group would work together as a group and individually with the aim to achieve individual self-development.

The Manager then took Members through the costs for the project :-

Costs applied for:

Wire Mesh	£30	Balsawood	£15
Plaster of Paris	£20	Background	£14
Base Boards	£15	Modelling Clay	£14
Card & Paper	£18	Model Trees	£30
Material – Felt	£18	Paint Acrylic	£28
Craft Accessories	£15		
Project Total	£217		

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: That the Committee recommend that Carryduff Youth Group receive £200 as a contribution towards their 'Arty Party' project.

CS/2006/93: CASTLEREAGH ONE STOP SHOP

The Community Services Manager outlined for Members' information a proposal by the Capacity Building Officer to provide a centralised resource service for the community groups in Castlereagh. He continued that this would enable them to borrow equipment that would not otherwise be available due to cost implications. He advised that it was envisaged that Cregagh Youth & Community Centre would house the equipment and also staff would administer the project.

The Community Services Manager was therefore seeking Members' comments in this respect.

Noted.

Supplementary Report from the Community Services Manager

CS/2006/94: GREENGRAVES DRAMA GROUP

The Community Services Manager advised Members that this matter had already been discussed at the meeting and it was

RESOLVED: That no further grant applications would be made until such times that audited accounts from the Greengraves Drama Group had been produced.

CS/2006/95: UPDATE ON THE ELECTRICITY – CREGAGH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Director of Administration & Community Services provided Members with the background relating to the apportionment of electricity costs at Cregagh Youth and Community Centre, and the problems encountered with obtaining accurate costings and readings. She advised that the Council's Mechanical/Electrical Engineer had provided an analysis of the accounts to date, and had estimated that the Council owed in the region of £20,000, which was well below that being discussed at Board level.

Members considered the above and felt that the Council should in the interim release the £20,000 which they felt was owing, and leave the decision on any remaining proportion until further discussion between the Officers of the Board and Council had taken place.

Councillor Beattie stated that the matter needed to be resolved as soon as possible, particularly as no provision had been made in the estimates.

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that it was her intention to speak to the Director of Finance and Leisure services to ascertain if this money could be capitalised, given that part of it related to a period before the centre was not fully operational and open for public use, and whilst under construction.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: That the above matter be referred to the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting of Wednesday 15 March for further consideration.

CS/2006/96: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKERS' REPORTS

The Director of Administration & Community Services that the new proforma had only been introduced and consequently the detail in the reports did reflect the new structure.

Members felt that the reports did show some improvement from last month and appeared to more adequately reflect the work which the staff were undertaking at local community level. It was felt that once the new proforma, however, became fully operational it would provide Members with more detail on the outputs and benefits.

The Director of Administration & Community Services stated that Members may wish to consider putting the officer's reports first on the agenda in order that more time could be devoted them at the April meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Community Development Officer's reports be tabled as the first item on the agenda for the April Central Services Committee meeting.

The meeting ended at 10.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of
_____**2006 with the exception of**
Minute Nos. _____

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE