

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the special Leisure Services Committee held, in committee, in the Committee Chamber, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB, on Friday, 13 October 2006, at 10.35 am

PRESENT:- Councillor C Hall (in the chair)

Alderman J Norris MBE
Councillor Mrs A M Beattie
Councillor Mrs J Cochrane
Councillor B Harvey

IN ATTENDANCE:- Area Manager Leisure and Assistant Members' Services Officer

APOLOGIES:- An apology was recorded on behalf of Councillors J Beattie, Ms Bunting, Drysdale, Mrs Duncan, Miss Stevenson, Spratt and Tosh

LS/2006/124 : LAGAN VALLEY HERITAGE & CULTURAL SOCIETY (SOUTH BELFAST)

The Area Manager Leisure outlined details of the annual Lagan Valley Heritage & Cultural Society's annual event in Belvoir Activity Centre. He informed Members that the Society had complied with all of the Council's terms and conditions. However, the Council's insurers had now stated that they needed at least four weeks' notice to assess insurance cover for some special events and that, in the case of this booking, they recommended that public liability insurance cover of £5 million was required from the event organisers. Due to the nature of the event, the insurers were unable to provide third-party cover and were also unwilling to extend the Council's cover to the organisers. Perceived normal incidents would, however, still be covered by the Council's public liability insurance.

The Area Manager Leisure continued to say that the organiser had contacted an insurance company, and he was hopeful that insurance cover could be arranged in time for the event, although it could not be guaranteed. He therefore sought Members' views whether the event should go ahead as planned.

During the ensuing discussion, Members enquired whether the guidelines in the application form did not clearly state the time required to put insurance cover in

place. The Area Manager Leisure informed Members that Belvoir Centre Staff were partly at fault. The basic application had been received in April, and in September Officers had asked the organisers to provide a breakdown of the event, which was only provided after another ten days.

Members then enquired why, if this was an annual event, there were different insurance requirements this year. The Area Manager Leisure stated that there had never been an issue regarding insurance in the past, but he added that individual insurance companies had specific requirements. Councillor Hanvey felt that, in future, Officers should ensure that all relevant parties were fully informed of all requirements.

The Area Manager Leisure reiterated that he was hopeful that adequate insurance cover could be arranged, and he recommended that Lagan Valley Heritage & Cultural Society (South Belfast) be allowed to go ahead with their annual event. He further confirmed that, in the past, there had never been any problems at this event.

Councillor Mrs Beattie proposed that Lagan Valley Heritage & Cultural Society (South Belfast) be given some form of discount by way of an apology. This proposal was seconded by Alderman Norris, and it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council be recommended to grant approval to Lagan Valley Heritage & Cultural Society (South Belfast) to hold their annual event on Saturday, 14 October 2006.
- (b) That Lagan Valley Heritage & Cultural Society (South Belfast) be given a discount on their booking.

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.05 am.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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

Minute Nos: _____

MAYOR