

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the special meeting of the Central Services Committee held, in committee, in the Members' Corridor, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB, on Thursday 26 June 2008 at 5.15 p.m.

PRESENT:

Aldermen: G Rice MBE
J White

Councillors: AM Beattie
J Beattie
J Bunting
M Chambers (in the chair)
C Hall
R Hughes MBE
T Jeffers
M Long
J Spratt
C Tosh
L Walker

IN ATTENDANCE:- Director of Administration & Community Services,
Administrative Support Officer/Director's Secretary,,
Assistant Members' Services Officer

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

CS/2008/210: COMMUNITY FESTIVAL FUNDING

The Director of Administration & Community Services reported on the recommendations from the Community Festival Sub-Committee meeting of Monday 23rd June 2008 regarding the release of payments in respect of the 2nd Tranche of the Community Festival Funding, details of which were as follows:

Gems	£3,000
Braniel Church	£1,000
Trim the Velvet	£1,900
Longstone Community Association	£1,200

Lagan Valley Cultural Association	£1,700
Tullycarnet Community Flute Band	£3,000

She advised that it was proposed that 50% of the funding would be paid up front, and the remaining 50% would be released upon receipts being received in the Community Services Department.

The Director also advised that it was estimated that an amount of £3,900 would be left following deduction of administration costs and it was recommended that the balance be used for Council festival activities e.g. Christmas.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Committee approve the Community Festival Sub-Committee's recommendations as detailed above regarding release of payments in respect of the 2nd tranche of the Community Festival Funding and that a report on the recommendations be tabled at Council later that evening in order that funding could be released prior to the holiday period.
- (b) that the balance of £3,900 left in the Community Festival Funding be used for Christmas festival activities and that a further report detailing proposed activities be brought to the Committee for consideration

CS/2008/211 : CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU FUNDING

Members were reminded that a letter of offer from the Voluntary & Community Unit regarding funding for Community Services had been tabled at the Committee's meeting in June and that the letter also outlined additional grant aid in respect of advice services.

In response to the Committee's request for further details regarding the breakdown in the grant for advice services, further correspondence from VCU dated 18 June 2008 had been received (copy previously circulated).

Members were asked to note that in this financial year DSD was offering Councils additional funding but this required a match contribution from the local authority. The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that an amount of £28,500 had been included in the 2008/2009 financial estimates, being the Council's agreed contribution. However, in order to draw down the additional VCU funding in the sum of £27,596, there would be a requirement to increase the Council's contribution by a further £7,000.

Members recognised that CAB was providing much needed services within the Borough and that the current economic climate meant that more and more people required advice services. However Members expressed concern about

the approach taken by DSD in this matter and the pressure being placed on Council to increase its contribution to CAB by an additional £7,000 that had not been included in the estimates.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: that

- (a) the Council increase its contribution to CAB by a further £7,000 to enable it to draw down additional grant funding
- (b) that the Council seek a meeting with the Voluntary & Community Unit to express its concerns about the manner in which the additional funding was provided.

CS/2008/212 : MONEYREAGH UPDATE

The Director of Administration & Community Services updated Members on various issues relating to the Moneyreagh Community Facility.

In particular the Director advised that the flooring in the main entrance and corridors had not yet been laid due to problems with the screed. She indicated that the Capital Projects Officer had been in contact with the builders to move the work on. She was concerned that children had registered for the summer scheme in the Centre, which would have to be cancelled if the flooring was not finished.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Council write to the Architects in the strongest of terms advising that, if the flooring work was not complete in time for the summer scheme to commence, the Council would invoke penalty clauses in the contract.
- (b) that approval be given for officers to obtain quotations for the supply of heating oil.
- (c) that the Council do not agree to a request from the Crawford family to provide a gate to the field to avoid cattle breaking loose at an approximate cost of £3000.
- (d) that it be noted that telephones were to be installed this week.
- (e) that it be noted that the Facilities Co-Ordinator for the Cregagh area had agreed to act as Facilities Co-Ordinator for Moneyreagh.

- (f) that, as at 20 June 2008, a bonfire had still not been built in the lower field.
- (g) that the Council's Health & Safety Officer had inspected the building and had made a number of recommendations that were passed to the Architects.

STAFF IN COMMITTEE

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.10 pm

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of
_____ 2008 with the exception of
Minute Nos. _____

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE