

## **CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Central Services Committee held, in committee, in the Members' Corridor, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB, on Tuesday 5 October 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

### **PRESENT:**

#### **Aldermen:**

J Norris MBE  
G Rice MBE  
J White

#### **Councillors:**

AM Beattie  
J Bunting  
M Chambers (in the chair)  
M Copeland  
S Duncan  
C Hall  
B Hanvey  
R Hughes MBE (Vice-Chair)  
T Jeffers  
M Long  
V McCoy (Mayor)  
G Robinson  
S Skillen  
J Spratt

#### **In attendance:**

Director of Administration & Community Services,  
Administration Manager, Community Services Manager,  
Assistant Member Services Officer

#### **Apologies:**

Alderman J Beattie, Councillors Drysdale, Tosh & Walker

### **CS/2010/239 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members and officers were invited to declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests (including gifts and hospitality) they should have in respect of items on this agenda. The following Members declared an interest:

- Councillor Jeffers declared an interest in items relating to the UDR, Peace III and Dundonald Community Band
- Councillor Duncan declared an interest in items relating to Peace III and CAB
- Councillor Spratt declared an interest in an item relating to OFMDFM.

**CS/2010/240 : MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**CS/2010/241 : CONSULTATION ON THE PROGRAMME FOR SHARING, COHESION AND INTEGRATION STRATEGY (Minute No CS/2010/193 refers)**

The Community Services Manager referred to the Committee's decision at its meeting in September not to incur any expenditure on good relations issues pending receipt of the letter of offer from the Community Relations Unit. He stated that, as this letter had now been received, arrangements for the session with consultants in respect of the Council's response to the CSI strategy would now go ahead.

He advised however that, in order to meet the deadline for responses of 29 October 2010, the draft response would be taken to the full Council meeting in October rather than reported back to the Committee

Noted.

**REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION MANAGER – SECTION 1 – CIVIC MATTERS**

**CS/2010/242 : CREGAGH/WANDSWORTH/ORMEAU BRANCH – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

The Administration Manager referred to correspondence received from the Cregagh/Wandsworth/Ormeau Branch of the Royal British Legion requesting financial assistance to provide catering at the RBL Hall after the Remembrance Day Service (copy previously circulated).

She reminded Members that the Council worked closely with representatives of the branch each year on arrangements for the Armistice Service and financial assistance had been provided on previous occasions.

She therefore recommended that the Council consider making a donation of £250 to Cregagh/Wandsworth/Ormeau RBL towards catering costs after this year's Armistice Day Service.

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to make a donation of £250 to Cregagh/Wandsworth/Ormeau Branch of the Royal British Legion towards the catering costs connected with the Armistice Day Service.

### **CS/2010/243 : OFFICIAL OPENING OF ENLER**

The Administration Manager reported that the provisional date advised for the official opening of the Enler Centre had now passed and no further dates had been discussed.

She reported however that it had been learned that on 15 September 2010 the Minister for Health had officially opened the part of the building that would house the Trust. She advised that the Mayor had only been informed of the event 2 days beforehand and could not attend due to other engagements. She stated that an inter-agency working group, set up to deal with the official opening of the facility, had not been advised of the opening event and that, to her knowledge, no other agencies had been in attendance.

Councillors McCoy and Skillen joined the meeting at 7.35 pm

The Chair pointed out that, as the Council were joint tenants sharing the building with the Trust, it should have been a matter of courtesy to have been informed of and invited to any opening event. She suggested that the Council should proceed with its own official opening and should write to the Department objecting to the non-inclusion of the Council in the opening event.

Councillor Spratt agreed that the Council should proceed with arrangements for an official opening and suggested that, in view of the Trust's breach of protocol, the Minister for Health or his officials should not be invited to the Council event. Councillor Long suggested that the Council's opening ceremony should include those other agencies that had been involved in the working group set up to deal with the official opening.

RESOLVED: that the Council proceed with arrangements for an official opening ceremony for the Enler facility.

Councillors AM Beattie and Bunting joined the meeting at 7.45 pm

### **CS/2010/244 : SOMME TRIP 2011**

The Administration Manager advised that a number of low cost airlines were now publishing their fares for travel next year. In order to avail of the lowest fares

available, she sought Members' views on whether they proposed to attend the Commonwealth Ceremony at the Thiepval Memorial and the Ceremony at the Ulster Tower during the Somme Commemorations in July 2011.

Members pointed out that, as local government elections were due to take place in the Spring of 2011, it would not be possible to nominate specific Members to attend the Somme Commemorations. It was noted that, although air flights could not be booked, it would be possible to make hotel reservations for Council representatives.

Councillor Robinson joined the meeting at 7.47 pm

RESOLVED: that officers be authorised to make hotel reservations for a party of 6 attending the Somme Commemoration Ceremony in 2011.

### **CS/2010/245 : SALE OF BEST MEMORABILIA – BONHAMS AUCTIONS**

Members were advised that an email had been received by Alderman Henderson, asking if the Council could purchase the 'Best' memorabilia in order that these items could be retained within Northern Ireland and put on display (copy previously circulated).

The Administration Manager reported that one of the items on the sale card was the Freedom of Castlereagh award which had been presented by the Council to Dr George Best at his Conferment Ceremony in 2002.

Members were therefore asked if they would wish to register an interest in respect of any of the items on sale or if they would wish for officers to write to the Executors asking that the Freedom of the Borough award be donated to the Council in order that it might be displayed with the other memorabilia from the Conferment event in 2002. Alderman Rice made the point that the award had been funded by ratepayers of Castlereagh and she felt it would be appropriate for it to be returned so that it could be displayed within the Borough.

Councillor Copeland joined the meeting at 7.50 pm

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: that the Council write to the Executors asking that they consider returning the Freedom of the Borough award so that it could be included in the Council's display of memorabilia.

Councillor Hanvey left the meeting at 7.51 pm

### **CS/2010/246 : 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – ULSTER DEFENCE REGIMENT**

Following the Committee's meeting in September (Minute No CS/2010/188 refers), the Administration Manager updated Members on arrangements for the above event.

She advised that a provisional date of Friday 26 November 2010 had been agreed at a meeting with representatives from the UDR Association. Councillor Spratt advised that the date did not suit Members of his party due to another engagement. Councillor Bunting suggested that officers should always check the Mayor's availability before proposing any dates. The Administration Manager advised that she would liaise with the Mayor and the UDR Association in order to agree an alternative date.

The Manager reported that it was envisaged that a regimental style dinner would take place in the function suite of the Civic Offices, with catering being provided by the corporate catering service based at the Ice Bowl. A total of 50 places had been allocated to the Association with the balance of approximately 14 being filled by Council representatives. In response to a query by Councillor Hall, the Manager advised that invitations would be issued to all Members of Council but that previous experience would indicate that not all Members would be available to attend.

She also sought Members' approval to incur the following expenditure:-

Catering (inc. dinner wine)	£25 per head
Engagement of piper	£75.00
Table arrangements/decorations	£375.00

She advised that a drinks reception could be provided from existing stock held within the Committee Bar.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that officers liaise with the Mayor and the UDR Association to find an alternative date for the dinner.
- (b) that the Council approve the arrangements and expenditure for the event as detailed above

### **CS/2010/247 : CHRISTMAS TREE WORKING GROUP**

The Administration Manager reported that the first meeting of the Christmas Tree Working Group had taken place in the Mayor's Parlour on Monday 20 September 2010. In response to a query by Alderman Rice, she advised that the working group comprised the Mayor, the Chair of Central Services and officers from Administration, Community Services, Leisure Services and Technical Services.

Councillor Spratt left the meeting at 7.55 pm and returned at 7.57 pm

The Manager sought the Committee's approval of the following recommendations:-

- **Date, Time and Venue**

Wednesday 24 November 2010 at 6.30pm at Civic Offices with trees in other locations around the Borough being switched on automatically at the same time.

- **Location of Trees**

It was proposed that the tree at the side of the Civic Office would once again be used for the main ceremony. The Italian tree to the front of the building would also be decorated with clear pea lights.

Dundonald – Moat Park (facing Ulster Hospital)  
Carryduff – Entrance to Loughmoss Centre  
Cregagh – At the top of the carriageway

Alderman Rice queried whether a tree could be erected in Carryduff. The Chair indicated that the trees had already been purchased for this year and that it was too late now to include additional trees in the plans. She suggested that the possibility of a tree in Carryduff could be investigated for Christmas 2011.

- **Trees/Decorations**

Members were advised that three trees had been reserved in Baronscourt Estate and that two quotations had been received in respect of decoration/dismantling and associated equipment plus the purchase of new LED lights for the trees at the Civic Offices and Cregagh sites. Members of the Working Group had discussed in detail the quotations and specifications and had subsequently agreed that, due to the fact that only one company could produce evidence of previous experience in this field within local authorities in Northern Ireland, the quotation received from Hillmount Nurseries would be recommended for acceptance.

In response to a query by Alderman White, the Chair advised that it had not proved cost effective for the Council carry out this work in-house due to the need for specialised equipment and storage of materials.

- **Ceremony/Event**

- A traditional civic ceremony with reading and carols
- Glen Pavis to be engaged as Compere for the event

- Dundonald Community Band be asked to provide musical accompaniment
- Alex Latimer to be asked to be Santa
- Bright Lights Dance Group to be asked to accompany Santa and the Mayor
- Corporate Catering to be engaged at a cost of £7.00 per head
- A piper to be engaged to lead the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors on parade at a cost of £75.00
- Cregagh Primary School and Leadhill Primary School to be asked to perform at the event and to undertake the reading.
- An invitation to the tree lighting ceremony to be extended to all Members, staff and their families

The Administration Manager advised Members that a budget for costs had been included within the current financial estimates.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the Council approve the arrangements of the 2010 Christmas Trees as detailed above
- (b) that officers be asked to investigate the possibility of changing the location of the Carryduff tree in 2011.

**CS/2010/248 : WWII SITE AT LISNABREENY**

Members considered correspondence received from Mr George G Busby regarding the site of the former radio station at Ballyhanwood, near Gilnahirk (copy previously circulated).

It was noted that Mr Busby currently gave lectures on the history and purpose of Gilnahirk radio stations entitled “The Secret Listeners of Gilnahirk” and was willing to deliver his lecture to the Council, should they wish to learn more of this important WWII site. Mr Busby was also asking the Council to consider a memorial to mark this site.

The Administration Manager advised that an acknowledgment letter had been sent to Mr Busby and she sought Members’ views on this matter. Councillor Bunting proposed that the Council provide a plaque to commemorate the site of the Gilnahirk radio station. Alderman White made the point that it would be necessary to get the agreement of the developer of the site to allow the installation of the plaque.

Councillor Bunting also queried whether, through the Council’s arts programme, arrangements could be made for the lecture on the history of the radio station to be delivered. After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Council agree to provide a plaque to commemorate the wartime radio stations at Gilnahirk and that officers liaise with the developer of the site regarding arrangements for the display of the plaque
- (b) that officers investigate inclusion of the lecture on the radio station in the Council's arts programme or in another appropriate programme or venue.

Councillor Hanvey returned to the meeting at 8.00 pm

## **REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION MANAGER – SECTION 2 – ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

### **CS/2010/249 : QUORUMS**

The Administration Manager referred to changes made to the Council's Standing Orders with regard to Quorums at the beginning of this year as follows:

- (a) *Quorum at Committees*
  - i. *Except where authorised by a statute or ordered by the Council, business shall not be transacted at a meeting of any Committee unless at least four members of the whole number of the Committee are present.*
  - ii. *In the case of Sub-Committees/Working Groups, the quorum for a meeting shall be a minimum of 3 Members of the Sub-Committee/Working Group*
  - iii. *When any meeting is declared inquorate, the minute taker shall then leave the meeting and take no further record of discussions*

Given that the membership of the Standing Committees had now been increased to twenty-three, the Manager sought Members' views as to whether they would wish to review at this stage or wait until the trial period had concluded and the new committee structure had been formally adopted by Council.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Bunting, seconded by Councillor Long and

RESOLVED: that Standing Orders be amended to read that quorums for full Council or for Committee should be 25% of the membership of the Council or Committee.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **CS/2010/250 : DIABETES UK**

The Administration Manager reported that correspondence had been received from Diabetes UK asking for the Council's support for Diabetes Day on Saturday 13 November 2010 by lighting up the building in blue.

RESOLVED: that, as requested, the Council agree to support Diabetes Day on 13 November 2010 by lighting up the Council building in blue.

The Administration Manager left the meeting at 8.10 pm

## **REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER – SECTION 3 – COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS**

Councillor Skillen declared an interest in any issues relating to Peace III

### **GOOD RELATIONS MATTERS**

#### **CS/2010/251 : GOOD RELATIONS UNIT – DISTRICT COUNCIL PROGRAMME**

Members were reminded that the Committee had been advised at its meeting in September that to date no letter of offer had been received from the Community Relations Unit (CRU) with regard to the Council's Good Relations Programme for 2010/2011 (Minute No. CS/2010/194 refers). At that meeting it had been resolved that the Council would incur no further expenditure within the Good Relations programme pending receipt of CRU's letter of offer (including Minute No CS/2010/193).

The Community Services Manager reported that a letter of offer had now been received from CRU covering the period 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011 and offering total funding of £66,847.50 to include the salary and programme costs incurred in the delivery of the Good Relations Action Plan that had been previously agreed by the Committee. In accordance with the letter of offer the Council was required to provide an additional minimum matching contribution of £22,282.50 and this had already been included in the 2010/2011 estimates process. The breakdown of the award was as follows;

<b>Salaries and Administration:</b>		£37,072.50
<b>Programme:</b>		£29,775.00
1.	Mainstreaming	£9,900.00
2.	Hard Issues	£7,500.00
3.	Cultural Activities	£5,625.00
4.	Grant Aid	£6,000.00

5. Regional £750.00

Members were asked to note that normally an award of £8,000 was provided for Central Support Services but that this had been withdrawn from the 2010/2011 offer. This money had been processed centrally and had been used as a contribution towards the heat, light and support services for the Good Relations Programme.

The Community Services Manager also reminded Members that the position of Good Relations Officer would soon become vacant due to the secondment of the current post holder and a recruitment exercise had now begun to replace this post as soon as possible to enable the continued delivery of the action plan. As previously agreed, all individual programmes, cited within the plan, would come back to Committee before implementation.

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to sign the funding offer as per the CRU letter tabled.

**CS/2010/252 : ANNE FRANK EXHIBITION – LAUNCH 12 OCTOBER 2011**

Members were reminded that, at its meeting in June 2010, the Committee had agreed to the submission to the Peace III Partnership of a number of joint partner direct delivery projects between Castlereagh and Lisburn Councils (Minute No CS/2010/172 refers). The Community Services Manager advised that one of these projects was to jointly host the 'Anne Frank Exhibition' at Lisburn Library during October 2010 and funding towards this project had been agreed by the Peace III Partnership at its meeting in September 2010.

The Manager reported that the aim of the project was to promote awareness of the effect of intolerance through the study of the Holocaust, whilst building the capacity of local groups to tackle hard issues within their own communities. In addition to visiting the exhibition, schools and community groups would also be encouraged to take part in a range of training sessions, culminating in a showcase learning event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

It was noted that the exhibition "Anne Frank + You" was a travelling exhibition about Anne Frank, her diary and the holocaust. Starting with her writings and experiences, the exhibition was a journey of self exploration for the visitor and it was suitable for adults and children from year 7 up.

The centre piece of the exhibition was a near life sized replica of Anne's bedroom in the secret annex in Amsterdam where the Frank family hid for over two years and there was also an interactive virtual tour of the annex.

Members were advised that an official launch of the exhibition would take place in Lisburn Library on Tuesday 12 October 2010 at 7.00 pm and would be hosted

jointly by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee (Lisburn CC) and the Chair of the Central Services Committee (Castlereagh BC).

Members were asked to advise the Good Relations Officer if they were aware of any groups or schools that might be interested in taking part in the project.

Noted.

### **CS/2010/253 : ADVICE SERVICES CONTRACT**

Councillors Copeland and Duncan left at 8.11 pm

The Community Services Manager referred to the current contract with Advice NI for the provision of a range of advice and information services to the local community via sessions at community centres and a telephone helpline. He reminded Members that the contract was funded by the Department of Social Development under the Community Support Programme and included match funding by the Council and that it was due to expire on 31 March 2011.

In line with the process adopted in previous years, the Manager suggested that the Council invite a number of advice service providers to quote for the delivery contract for the period 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012. He stated that the tender would invite specialist organisations, including the current contract holder, to outline their proposed delivery and cost for the provision of independent, free, confidential and impartial advice to residents of the Borough. It was proposed that the advice service would be delivered at a number of centres, namely;

- *Enler Community Centre*
- *Braniel Community Centre*
- *Belvoir Activity Centre*
- *Cregagh Youth and Community Centre*
- *Tullycarnet Community and Resource Centre*

In addition the advice service would be backed up by a telephone and email advice service provided at times when onsite clinics were not available. Councillor Hanvey expressed concern that there were no advice sessions provided in Castlereagh South and he referred in particular to Carryduff and Moneyreagh. The Community Services Manager stated that the Department required advice sessions to be provided in areas of social deprivation. He also stated that residents in Castlereagh South could access the service at any of the Centres detailed above or by telephone or email. He advised that, as part of the tender process, service providers would be asked how they proposed to use the various media to promote the service throughout the Borough. Alderman Rice and Councillor Spratt both also expressed concern that advice sessions were not being provided in Carryduff and Moneyreagh.

As the award from the DSD for the 2011/2012 financial year was not yet known, it was recommended that the contract be offered at the same price as applied in 2010/2011 but with a clause added that this price might be subject to change based on the DSD award or that the process could be terminated if funding was not realised.

Members were advised that the timeline for the tender process was as follows:

- Tender advert/invitations – 19 Nov 2010 & Deadline – 15 Dec 2010
- Evaluation – Jan 2011
- Committee/Council approval – Feb 2011
- Contract commencement – 1 April 2011

As the price would be known to the prospective tenders in advance, it was recommended that the evaluation be weighted greater against the service delivery proposal, giving evaluation criteria of Cost 25% and Service Delivery 75%.

Alderman White queried whether the tender process could be considered competitive when those tendering knew in advance the amount of money allocated for provision of the service. The Director of Administration & Community Service acknowledged that the Council's financial allocation for advice services would be known to those tendering but she stated that the Council would be seeking best value for money and the winning contract would be assessed against criteria based on the most economically advantageous for the Council.

Councillor Long stated that cost had been a deciding factor when the previous contract had been awarded and enquired whether the previous division between cost and service delivery had been 50/50. The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that the deciding factor in the previous award of contract had centred around an issue relating to the provision of advice services in unmanned centres.

Councillor Hanvey left the meeting at 8.25 pm. Councillor Spratt left the meeting at 8.25 pm and returned at 8.27 pm

In response to further queries regarding the location of service centres, the Community Service Manager advised that the Department had specified that these must be located in areas of social need. The Chair referred to other available options such as home visits, outreach telephone advice service and accessing the service at other Centres. Councillor Beattie stated that, in order to maintain privacy, many people preferred to access advice services away from their own neighbourhood.

Councillors Long and Skillen left the meeting at 8.30 pm

In response to a query by Alderman White regarding extension of the current contract, the Community Services Manager advised that the last contract had run from 2008 to 31 March 2010 and had been extended for 1 year to 31 March 2011.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the tender be advertised at a fixed price and tenders be assessed on service delivery
- (b) that the timeline for the tender process as detailed above be approved

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

#### **CS/2010/254 : PEACE III – PARTNER DIRECT DELIVERY**

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree the following:

- (a) the Director of Administration & Community Services be authorised to negotiate with Lisburn City Council regarding the release of part of the Peace III funding up front, and to ensure that a letter of offer is in place before any expenditure is incurred.
- (b) approval be granted for Castlereagh Borough Council to engage the three Peace III project posts.

Councillors Beattie, Duncan, Long and Skillen returned to the meeting and Alderman Rice left the meeting at 8.35 pm

#### **CS/2010/255 : BRANIEL SENIOR CITIZENS INDOOR BOWLING CLUB**

The Community Services Manager reported that a letter had been received, via the Mayor's Office, from the Secretary of Braniel Senior Citizens Indoor Bowling Club requesting that the group's current hire charge for Braniel Community Centre should remain as is and should not rise in line with the requirements of the Council's new pricing policy (copy previously circulated).

Members were reminded that the new community centre pricing policy had come into effect in April 2010 and its aim was to streamline and promote an equal charging scheme for groups hiring community centres. The new policy adopted a four tier charging process to generate a per hour rate; namely;

Capacity of the space

Type of organisation (community/private)  
Type of service (community/private)  
Community block bookings discount

The Community Services Manager advised that, due to the level of inconsistencies in the previous policy, it was inevitable that some groups would be financially worse off with the introduction of a new policy. Therefore, to support groups in this transition period a 'soft landing' approach had been introduced, which utilised a sliding scale for groups that had a charge increase of more than £1 per hour. The soft landing approach adopted was;

*April 2010 – September 2010 :*  
Groups remain at their current hire charge.

*October 2010 – March 2011:*  
Groups pay their current hire charge plus 50% of the difference between their current rate and their new rate

*April 2011 –*  
Groups moved on to the new 'policy' agreed rate.

The Manager advised that currently the Braniel Indoor Bowlers were paying £2.61 per hour, which would increase to £4.88 per hour on 1 October 2010 before increasing to the policy agreed rate of £7.15 per hour. The group had been informed of this stage rate rise in April 2010.

The Manager recommended that, in order to ensure that the aim of the new pricing policy was maintained, the group's price rise should continue in line with the pricing policy but that the group be offered community development support to help it identify and secure external funding to support ongoing running and project costs.

The Chair made the point that, since the Council had approved the new pricing policy, it would be difficult now to ignore it and change the rates for particular groups.

The Mayor wished to have her concerns recorded at the steep rise in hire charges for this group and pointed out that it had limited resources to meet the increase. Members enquired whether any other form of funding or grant could be made available to the group or whether perhaps a small donation could be made by the Mayor. The Chair suggested that the Council could introduce a special rate for senior citizens but was advised that equality legislation would make that difficult. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED:** that the Council's Community Development Officers work with the group to identify possible funding opportunities and that the Mayor's office be kept advised of progress.

## **CHANGE YOUR FUTURE MATTERS**

### **CS/2010/256 : CHANGE YOUR FUTURE PROGRAMME**

Members were reminded that the Change Your Future was a sports coaching programme for 16-25 year olds who were unemployed, referred by the Youth Justice Agency/PBNI or who faced barriers to participation or social exclusion and it was funded 100% by the Big Lottery Fund with no cost to the Council.

The Community Services Manager reported that the Change Your Future Project Coordinator sought the Committee's approval for the following proposed courses to be run for Change Your Future participants throughout the year:

- Rock-it-Ball
- Generic Sports coaching
- Employability
- GAA
- Suspension Training
- Kettlebell
- Aqua Instructor

Resource implications were as follows:

Rock-it-Ball:  
Course costs - £700  
IRIBF(sole Provider)

Safeguarding Young People in Sport:  
Course costs - £10 x 10 = £100  
Sport NI (sole provider)

Equity in Your Sport:  
Course costs - £340  
Sport NI (sole provider)

GEMS Employability:  
Course costs - £200  
GEMSNI (sole provider)

Skills 4 Sport:  
Course costs - £10 x 5= £50  
Sport NI (sole provider)

Foundation (Level1) in Gaelic Football:  
Course costs - £300

Ulster Council GAA (sole providers)

Level 2 Suspension Training  
Course costs - £220 x 5 = £1,100

Level 2 Kettlebell Instructor Course:  
Course costs £340 x 2= £680

Level 2 Aqua Instructor Course:  
Course costs - £400 x 2= £800

Human Resources:

One or other of the programme employees will attend the courses and ensure participant contribution.

Venues:

All venues used would be in Council facilities other than externally run courses.

Councillor Bunting referred to the inclusion in the programme of a GAA course and queried why sports such as rugby and football had not been included. The Community Services Manager advised that the programme was a rolling programme which would include a wide range of sports and activities throughout the year. Councillor Bunting made the point that the GAA was the only sporting organisation in Northern Ireland that included a political statement in its constitution. Alderman Norris requested that Members be provided with a copy of the GAA constitution. In response to a further query by Councillor Robinson, the Manager stated that he would provide Members with copy of the GAA course programme.

Councillor AM Beattie left the meeting at 8.50 pm

Councillor Long welcomed the fact that the programme included a wide range of sporting activities and proposed that it be approved. It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Council approve the Change Your Future Programme as detailed above, pending detail of the GAA course programme being made available to the Chair at the October Council meeting.
- (b) that, at the next Committee meeting, officers provide Members with a full list of all events and activities included in the Change Your Future programme over the past 12 months as well as a copy of the GAA constitution.

**CS/2010/257 : CHANGE YOUR FUTURE – PROGRAMME EXTENSION**

The Community Services Manager reported that the Change Your Future programme had been scheduled to finish at the end of October 2010 but that, owing to a carried-over under spend from the first year of the programme, it was proposed to extend it until 31 December 2010.

He advised that the third year of the programme had been the most successful to date with more participants accepted and more completing courses as well as becoming involved in volunteering and employment opportunities. The two extra months would mean that the Council could run more beneficial and viable courses for more participants and this would enable it to further meet and exceed its targets.

He reported that this proposal had been submitted to The Big Lottery for approval and at present he was still waiting to receive confirmation.

The Manager advised that, with regard to Human Resources, the Co-Ordinator and Administrator would remain in post for another two months. He confirmed that all venues used would be Council facilities

RESOLVED: that the Council approve the 2 month extension to the Change your Future project, pending a decision from the Big Lottery Fund to allow the under spend to be utilised for the project extension.

#### **CS/2010/258 : WORK PROGRAMME REPORTS**

Work Programme Reports for the Community Development Officers, Good Relations Officer and the Arts Officer had been previously circulated for Members' information.

Noted

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor AM Beattie returned to the meeting at 8.55 pm

#### **CS/2010/259 : PORTACABINS AT KILLYNURE**

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that community representatives in Killynure had asked the Council to consider providing portacabins for community activities and this had been referred to the Committee from full Council. She stated that, rather than providing additional buildings in areas where the Council already had leisure facilities, the Council might consider providing a budget for community services to purchase community time in leisure facilities for use by community groups.

Councillor AM Beattie stated that one reason for the request from Killynure was that travel to community facilities in other areas involved crossing an interface where

trouble had occurred. Councillor Spratt made the point that funding for portacabins had not been included in the annual estimates. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: that officers be asked to investigate the costs of the two options of either providing portacabins in Killynure or providing funding to allow community services to purchase community time in leisure centres for community groups and activities.

Councillor Mc Coy left the meeting at 9.00 pm and returned at 9.02 pm

#### **CS/2010/260 : DUNGOYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Director of Administration & Community Services reported that, following negotiations with Technical & Environmental Services, it was now proposed to transfer responsibility for Dungoyne Community Centre to Technical Service and a budget transfer and short term lease agreement with the bowlers would be put in place.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the responsibility for budgets and management of Dungoyne Community Centre transfer from Central Services to Technical Services
- (b) that the Community Services Manager support the Dungoyne Bowlers with funding applications in relation to building improvements and extension.
- (c) that officers from both Technical Services and Community Services liaise with the Dungoyne Bowlers in relation to the development of a proposed technical specification for the building improvement/extension.
- (d) that officers from Technical Services enter into a short term interim licence/long term leasing agreement for a Voluntary Management agreement with Dungoyne Bowlers through Administration & Community Services and the Council's legal advisors.

#### **CS/2010/261 : BELVOIR CLINIC**

The Community Services Manager referred to the Council's decision at its meeting in September when the Community Services Department had been asked to investigate the possibility of using the former Belvoir Clinic building as a community facility. He reported that officers had inspected the building and felt that a lot of work would be required to allow it to be used as a community facility. The Director of Administration & Community Services again stated that, rather than taking on responsibility for another building, the suggestion of buying community time in Belvoir Activity Centre should be explored.

RESOLVED that it be recommended that the Council do not seek to take over the Belvoir Clinic for community use on the basis of the costs involved in improving and adapting the building.

**CS/2010/262 : BALLYBEEN ACTIVITY CENTRE**

The Director of Administration & Community Services reported that this matter had been discussed earlier at the Technical & Environmental Services Committee. She reminded Members that quotes from the NIHE contractor on site had now been received and these were £43,000 for the demolition of the building and £13,000 for the installation of a fence around the site. She advised that, in view of the high level of costs involved, it was recommended that the Council put this work out to tender and that the demolition and fencing works be tendered separately pending a decision on whether fencing was required and what form it should take.

Councillor Spratt suggested that consideration be given to installing boulders/bollards around the site rather than fencing. In response to a query by Alderman White regarding the Council's original purchase of the Centre, the Director advised that it had been bought outright rather than leased.

RESOLVED: that officers be authorised to proceed with the tender process in respect of the demolition of Ballybeen Activity Centre and fencing around the site.

**CS/2010/263 : ROAD SAFETY – BALLYGOWAN ROAD, CROSSNACREEVY**

The Director of Administration & Community Services referred to a letter from Councillor Michelle McIlveen MLA regarding road safety signage at Crossnacreevy. It was noted that this letter had been referred to the Committee by Council. The Director suggested that the issue was more appropriate to Technical Services than to Community Services.

RESOLVED: that correspondence from Councillor Michelle McIlveen MLA regarding road safety signage at Crossnacreevy be referred for consideration to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee

**CS/2010/264 : PEACE III – PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FROM FASA**

The Community Services Manager reported that a request had been received from FASA that the Council partner it in a PEACE III application for funding. He advised that FASA's proposed programme would operate in Tullycarnet, Ballybeen and Carryduff. In response to a query about the group by Councillor Duncan, Councillor Skillen advised that the group provided support and other activities for people dealing with alcohol and drug abuse issues. It was noted that the Council's input would take the form of support from officers and provision of venues.

In response to a query by Councillor McCoy, the Community Support Manager confirmed that an appropriate hire charge would apply to the use of any Council facilities and these costs would be included in the funding application.

Councillor Long suggested that the Housing Executive might be a more appropriate partner for the group as it worked in the areas covered by the group.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to enter into a partnership arrangement with FASA in respect of its application for Peace III funding.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.15 pm

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