

## **ARDS BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Council Services Committee was held in the Boardroom, 2 Church Street, Newtownards on Tuesday, 15 June 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT:-**

**In the Chair:** Councillor Elliott

**Aldermen:** Craig  
Gibson  
McCarthy  
Shannon

**Councillors:** Bell (7.06pm) T Hamilton  
Boyle McBriar  
Carson McDowell  
Drysdale McIlveen  
Fletcher Smyth  
Gregory Williams (7.08pm)  
S Hamilton (7.52pm)

**In Attendance:** Chief Executive, Director of Environmental Services, Borough Inspector, Project Officer, Operations Manager, Parks & Cemeteries, Centre Manager, Comber Leisure Centre, Public Relations Officer & Committee Administrator

**Apologies:** Alderman Ferguson, Councillors Magill, Montgomery & Oswald  
Councillors Bell & S Hamilton for lateness

### **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Smyth proposed, seconded by Alderman Shannon, that Councillor Fletcher be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

It was **AGREED TO RECOMMEND**, on the proposal of Councillor Smyth, seconded by Alderman Shannon, that Councillor Fletcher be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

## **DEPUTATION**

### **Public Entertainments Licence – Paul Arthurs**

The Chairman advised members that the deputation was not in attendance.

One member enquired if the recommendation would be similar to that proposed for the North Down House.

The Borough Inspector stated that the issue was due to be discussed as part of the Chief Executive's Report later in the meeting and the recommendation would be put before members.

**NOTED.**

## **AWARDS**

The Chief Executive reported that the Council had recently been successful in attaining a Silver Gilt Award at the Hillsborough Garden Show, and a Welcome to Excellence Gold Award. He added that it was the first organisation to be recognised with the Gold Award.

(Councillor Bell entered the meeting at 7.06pm)

A number of members rose to ask that the staff involved should be commended for their contribution.

(Councillor Williams entered the meeting at 7.08pm)

**NOTED.**

CG 2618

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT** (Appendix I)

Report from the Chief Executive's Department (copy previously circulated) was tabled.

#### **PEL 263 – North Down House**

One member commented on the recommendation contained within the report, stating that it was clearly the best way forward.

Another member commented that he hoped the establishment would continue to be monitored closely as there were still reports that anti-social behaviour was ongoing.

The Borough Inspector stated that officers would continue to monitor the various issues which had been raised. He added that PSNI had also been advised.

In response to a further query, the Borough Inspector stated that the establishment would be monitored on a regular basis, and would take account of all the matters raised earlier.

**NOTED.**

### **PEL 410 – Arthurs, Kircubbin**

The Borough Inspector advised members that the recommendation was as follows:-

1. That the applicant provides, in writing, confirmation that entertainment will be restricted to the ground floor dining area.
2. All doors and windows to the ground floor dining area shall be kept closed during entertainment but that any designated fire exit shall remain unlocked, and
3. No music associated with the entertainment or other amplified music shall be played outdoors.
4. All normal Council licensing requirements are met.

One member commented that an objector had since moved house and therefore there was only one objector remaining.

It was **AGREED TO RECOMMEND**, on the proposal of Alderman Shannon, seconded by Councillor Bell, **THAT** the recommendation, as outlined by the Borough Inspector be accepted.

It was **AGREED TO RECOMMEND**, on the proposal of Alderman Gibson, seconded by Alderman Shannon, **THAT** the report be adopted, subject to the above decision.

### **GOOD RELATIONS REPORT** (Appendix II)

Report from the Good Relations Officer (copy previously circulated) was tabled.

### **Page 2 – Scrabo Residents Association**

One member enquired if the Green would be cleared now the Resident's Association had re-engaged with the programme.

The Project Officer stated that the Residents Association had, following consultation in the area, recognised the value of its involvement in the programme. He stated that he believed there would be no problem in clearing the site.

Another member commended the work of the Good Relations Officer across a wide range of programmes which were ongoing.

One member enquired where the bonfire would be located in Ballystockart.

The Project Officer stated that, as far as he was aware, it would be located on private property to the rear of the estate.

Another member referred to the erection of a paramilitary flag at the entrance to the Glen Estate.

The Project Officer stated that it was hoped the arch programme would help to resolve such actions as the erection of paramilitary flags.

The member expressed concern that the Council was funding up to £500 for the replacement of arch symbols, believing they contained paramilitary symbols.

The Project Officer stated that the arch programme was simply replacement of existing wooden boards which were no longer fit for purpose by professionally shaped metal. They were the Councils' property and would remain so.

In response to a further query, the Project Officer confirmed that the Portavogie bonfire was located on the normal site.

One member commented that officers had shown themselves capable of resolving issues over the years, and saw little merit in pointing out the location of various flags to officers as this could be done at any time.

He commended the progress made in the Bowtown Estate.

It was **AGREED TO RECOMMEND**, on the proposal of Alderman Shannon, seconded by Councillor Smyth, **THAT** the report be adopted.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

CG 2620 **Technical Services** (Appendix III)

Technical Services Report (copy previously circulated) was tabled.

**OS 11406 – Portavogie Promenade – Damage to Coastal Path**

One member welcomed the report, but commented that the cost appeared excessive.

The Director of Environmental Services reported that it was a substantial piece of masonry, and while it was stable at present, work was required to resolve the issue, and the preliminary design report was to ensure the solution would work.

The member commented that there were some issues around health and safety concerns, particularly due to the proximity to the play area. She asked what the likely timescales for work proceeding would be, following the completion of the report.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that the timescales would depend upon the work required, and also the various consultation requirements such as discussion with Northern Ireland Environmental Agency.

Another member enquired if the report would be available for the next meeting.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that he hoped to have the report available by the end of July.

One member enquired if the Council had other similar sites, and were they regularly inspected.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that routine checks would be carried out on all sites owned by the Council.

**NOTED.**

**DR 6573 – Donaghadee Waste Recycling Centre**

One member enquired if there had been any consultation with local people on the matter.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that the issue was about a better service for local people. The report would consider the various options available.

The Chief Executive added that, once the options had been considered, consultation would be carried out – but work was needed to establish what those options were.

One member referred to the Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO), and enquired if the Council still believed the site provided the best option.

The Director of Environmental Services reported that the site which had been identified as the BPEO had not been available earlier, and the existing site was not deemed suitable by Planning Service for enlargement, because of that reason.

One member commented that the extension of the site in Millisle was the best way forward, although he acknowledged there may be some teething problems.

**NOTED.**

### **Household/Waste Recycling Centres**

The Director of Environmental Services referred to the launch of the Northern Ireland Waste Rethink Fund on 28 May 2010, which invited bids from local authorities for funding schemes which had not been budgeted for, with submission required by 28 June 2010.

He stated that there was potential of purchasing six pieces of equipment to compact and crush wood for recycling purposes. He stated that the bid was for £165,000 and Council support was sought for the bid.

One member enquired if the successful tenderer for the collection of wood from the recycling centre would lose out by the installation of the kit.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that the collections were paid for by the tonne. The equipment would facilitate fewer collections.

It was **AGREED TO RECOMMEND**, on the proposal of Alderman Shannon, seconded by Councillor Carson, **THAT** the Council submits the bid for £165,000 to the Northern Ireland Waste Rethink Fund.

### **Blue and Brown Bins**

One member enquired if a report could be brought back on the level of contamination in the blue and brown bins.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that the figures could be provided to members.

**AGREED.**

It was **AGREED TO RECOMMEND**, on the proposal of Councillor McIlveen, seconded by Councillor Smyth, **THAT** the report be adopted, subject to the above decision.

(Councillor S Hamilton entered the meeting at 7.52pm)

CG 2619 **Environmental Health** (Appendix IV)

Environmental Health Report (copy previously circulated) was tabled.

**Noise Pollution**

One member enquired if a complaint had been made relating to noise in a tenanted property, would the Council officers approach the householder or the tenant.

The Director of Environmental Services reported that the complaint would be addressed with the tenant in the first instance.

The member suggested that both parties should be contacted, as the landlords had responsibility for tenants.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that it depended upon the level of complaint. He added that in some cases the issue could be resolved at an early stage.

**NOTED.**

It was **AGREED TO RECOMMEND**, on the proposal of Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Craig, **THAT** the report be adopted.

CG 2621 **Building Control** (Appendix V)

Building Control Report (copy previously circulated) was tabled.

It was **AGREED TO RECOMMEND**, on the proposal of Alderman Shannon, seconded by Councillor Boyle, **THAT** the report be adopted.

CG2616 **Leisure Services** (Appendix VI)

Leisure Services Report and Addendum (copies previously circulated) were tabled.

**BG 9596 – Peninsula Cemeteries**

One member commented that the cemetery in Kircubbin required attention and asked how often the cemeteries were inspected.

The Operations Manager, Parks & Cemeteries, reported that all cemeteries were inspected at least once a week, and weed control and grass maintenance would be carried out.

He commented that there had been some slippage in Kircubbin, due to the increased workload due to marking pitches for a number of sports days in the area. He added that the matter would be resolved by the end of the week.

**NOTED.**

**SD 60 – Development of Londonderry Park**

One member enquired if there was a definitive figure for the additional cost.

The Operations Manager, Parks & Cemeteries stated that there was no figure available as yet. He added, in response to a further query, that the additional work required would not cause significant delay to the project, as it was simply about providing drainage for the top pitch.

**NOTED.**

It was **AGREED TO RECOMMEND**, on the proposal of Alderman Shannon, seconded by Councillor Boyle, **THAT** the report be adopted.

**REPORT ON TENDERS**

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**Synthetic Pitches at Comber and Ards Leisure Centres**

Report dated 13 June 2010 (copy previously circulated) was tabled from the Centre Manager, Comber Leisure Centre, stating that tenders were invited to resurface the artificial pitches at Ards and Comber Leisure Centres and carry out repairs as required.

Five tenders were received. These were as follows :-

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| 1. Tony Patterson, Sportsgrounds Ltd. | £303,891.83 |
| 2. Crawford Contracts Ltd.,           | £314,669.93 |

3. John McQuillan (Contracts) Ltd.	£328,529.46
4. McAvoy Construction LLP	£334, 078.50
5. Clive Richardson Ltd,	£344,645.52

It was recommended that the tender submitted by Tony Patterson Sportsgrounds Ltd for the sum of £303,891.83 be accepted as being the lowest received.

It was **AGREED TO RECOMMEND**, on the proposal of Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Craig, **THAT** the recommendation contained in the report be adopted.

### **OPENING OF TENDERS**

SP 3200

#### **Steel Palisade Fencing at North Road Depot**

It was **AGREED TO RECOMMEND**, on the proposal of Alderman Craig, seconded by Alderman Shannon, **THAT** the tenders be opened by the Chairman and Officers after the meeting.

**THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS  
(The meeting terminated at 8.00 p.m.)**