

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Leisure and Community Development Committee held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Tuesday, 1 October, 2019 at 5:03 pm

PRESENT:

Alderman J Tinsley (Chairman)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor A Givan

Deputy Mayor
Councillor J McCarthy

Aldermen A Grehan and T Morrow

Councillors N Anderson, R T Beckett, R Carlin, D J Craig,
A Gowan, M Guy, H Legge, R McLernon, Jenny Palmer,
S Skillen and N Trimble

OTHER MEMBERS:

Aldermen D Drysdale and S Martin

Councillors J Laverty, U Mackin and A Swan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Head of Parks & Amenities
Head of Cultural and Community Services (Acting)
Head of Sports Services
Community Planning Manager
Member Services Officer

Max Associates

Mr M Steward
Ms L Forsyth

Commencement of the Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, welcomed those present to the meeting, particularly those Members who were not on the Leisure and Community Development Committee.

1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made at this point. During the course of the meeting, the following declarations of interest were made:

2. Declarations of Interest (Contd)

- Councillor S Skillen in respect of item 4.5 'Dungoyne Sports Club' and item 8.4 'MUGA Leases – Sinking Funds' due to her being a member of Ballybeen Improvement Group;
- Councillor J Laverty in respect of item 4.8 'Ballybeen Men's Motivational Group' due to him having a family connection to a committee member of the group;
- Councillor A Gowan in respect of item 6.3 'Community Christmas Grants 2019', item 4.3 'Procurement of Christmas Trees – Tender Report' and item 4.4 'Procurement of Christmas Tree Decorations – Tender Report' as he was Vice-Chairman of Anahilt and Magheraconluce Community Association;
- Councillor M Guy in respect of item 7.2 'Requests from Carryduff Colts FC and Carryduff GAC to Make a Presentation to the Leisure and Community Development Committee' in light of (a) her being a member of Carryduff GAC, (b) her being on the Organising Committee for the GAC Annual Dinner, (c) her husband being a coach for Carryduff Colts FC and (d) her son playing for Carryduff Colts FC; and
- Councillor H Legge in respect of item 4.5 'Dungoyne Sports Club' and item 8.4 'MUGA Leases – Sinking Funds' due to her being a member of Ballybeen Improvement Group and being on the Youth Education & Employment Sub Group.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, and Councillor A Gowan arrived to the meeting at this point (5.04 pm).

3. Dundonald International Ice Bowl – Leisure Management Options Presentation from Max Associates

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, Alderman S Martin and Councillor N Trimble arrived to the meeting during consideration of this item of business (5.05 pm), as did Councillor N Anderson (5.29 pm) and Alderman T Morrow (5.30 pm). Councillor Jenny Palmer left, and returned to, the meeting during consideration of this item of business (5.18 pm and 5.21 pm respectively).

The above matter, contained in the confidential report, would be dealt with "In Committee" due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor H Legge, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that this matter be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, welcomed to the meeting, Mr M Steward and Ms L Forsyth, representatives from Max Associates.

3. Dundonald International Ice Bowl – Leisure Management Options
Presentation from Max Associates (Contd)

Members were provided with a copy of a report and associated options from Max Associates relating to the Leisure Management Options Appraisal for Dundonald International Ice Bowl (DIIB). With the use of visual aid equipment, Ms Forsyth presented to the Committee an overview of the report and provided clarification on a number of issues raised by Members.

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, thanked Mr Steward and Ms Forsyth for their attendance and they left the meeting (5.28 pm).

Following discussion, it was agreed to recommend that, due to a number of reasons set out in the Max Associates Report, management of DIIB remain in-house, to be reviewed three years post opening.

It was agreed that the remainder of items contained in the confidential report would be considered at this point.

4. Confidential Business

It was proposed by Councillor Jenny Palmer, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that the confidential report and recommendations be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

The matters contained in the confidential report would be dealt with "In Committee" due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

4.1 Dundonald International Ice Bowl – Leisure Management Options
Appraisal Report

It was noted that this matter had been dealt with under item 3.

4.2 Provision of Temporary Gym – Billy Neill MBE Country Park

Alderman S Martin left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (5.50 pm).

Members were provided with a copy of a report detailing a proposal to establish a gym at Billy Neill MBE Country Park. It was agreed to recommend that approval be granted to the establishment of a gym facility at Billy Neill MBE Country Park to underpin the Vitality Household membership, with appropriate financial provision being included in the 2020/21 estimates, and such provision to be reviewed on an annual basis.

4.3 Procurement of Christmas Trees – Tender Report

Members having been provided with a copy of a Tender Report in respect of the Procurement of Christmas Trees, it was agreed to recommend that the tender for

4.3 Procurement of Christmas Trees – Tender Report (Contd)

the provision of Christmas Trees be awarded as outlined in the report of the Head of Parks & Amenities.

4.4 Procurement of Christmas Tree Decorations – Tender Report

Members having been provided with a copy of a Tender Report in respect of the Procurement of Christmas Tree Decorations, it was agreed to recommend that the tender for the provision of Christmas Tree Decorations be awarded as outlined in the report of the Head of Parks & Amenities.

4.5 Dungoyne Sports Hub

The Head of Parks & Amenities set out in his report, information in relation to the ongoing development of the Dungoyne Sports Hub. Members having been provided with a copy of a Dungoyne Development Financial Summary, it was agreed to recommend that approval be given to an increase in the global capital provision for the Dungoyne Sports Hub, as outlined in the report, to reflect the actual tender award and subsequent minor contract variations, including provision of a base and service connections to accommodate a portacabin being provided by the community group.

4.6 Dog Control Orders

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of the following Dog Control Orders, which would be enacted on 1 December, 2019:

- The Dogs Exclusion (Lisburn and Castlereagh) Order 2019;
- The Dogs on Leads (Lisburn and Castlereagh) Order 2019; and
- The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Lisburn and Castlereagh) Order 2019.

Councillor U Mackin left the meeting at this point (6.09 pm).

4.7 Correspondence from SEUPB Regarding PEACE PLUS and INTERREG

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, correspondence dated 19 September, 2019 from SEUPB advising that the EU, the UK and the Irish Government had given their commitment to the PEACE PLUS Programme (which provided for the continuation of the PEACE IV and INTERREG Programmes) and this position had not changed.

Verbal Item

4.8 Ballybeen Men's Motivation Group
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing

The Director, having briefed the Committee at its last meeting in regard to a recent newspaper article relating to a former employee of Ballybeen Men's Motivation Group, provided a further verbal update on this matter.

4.8 Ballybeen Men's Motivation Group (Contd)
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing

Councillor J Lavery having declared an interest in this item of business, he left the meeting at this point (6.20 pm).

Councillor D J Craig left, and returned to, the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.18 pm and 6.33 pm). Alderman A Grehan also left, and returned to, the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.23 pm and 6.28 pm respectively).

The Director advised he had only recently received further correspondence from the Group and provided a further verbal update on the position. He indicated that the Group had now requested that the Council waive the rental for the unit utilised as a Men's Shed for a period of six months to allow it time to address matters impacting on its sustainability. The Director further advised that he believed further information was, however, required from the Group before such a request could be considered.

Following discussion, during which a number of Members stated their support for the work being undertaken by Ballybeen Men's Motivation Group in relation to the Men's Shed project, it was proposed by Councillor S Skillen, seconded by Alderman T Morrow and agreed to recommend that, at this stage, the Group be permitted a two month rent-free period, with a report being made to the Committee at its next meeting in relation to the governance and financial sustainability of the project.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor Jenny Palmer, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

Alderman D Drysdale left the meeting at this point (6.36 pm).

5. Report of Head of Parks & Amenities

It was proposed by Councillor Jenny Palmer, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed that the report and recommendations of the Head of Parks & Amenities be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

5.1 NI Water Lands at Leathemstown – Proposed Purchase

Councillor J Lavery returned to the meeting at this point (6.37 pm).

Members were provided with a copy of:

- (a) a map depicting two parcels of land at Leathemstown offered for disposal by NI Water, which the Committee, at its meeting held on 16 April, 2015 had agreed to purchase as the acquisitions were deemed essential to safeguard rider and spectator facilities associated with the Ulster Grand Prix; and

5.1 NI Water Lands at Leathemstown – Proposed Purchase (Contd)

- (b) a revised Land & Property Services (LPS) valuation for Site 116, which sat at the junction of Hannahstown Road and Rusheyhill Road. The new valuation had been acquired for this parcel of land adjacent to the paddock at the Dundrod Circuit, as the previous valuation had expired after six months. The second parcel of land at Leathemstown corner was no longer deemed essential to the event by the organisers.

It was agreed to recommend approval of the purchase from NI Water of Site 116, at a cost of £16,000, in support of safeguarding rider and spectator facilities associated with the Ulster Grand Prix, and that the Council retain the services of the original legal advisors to conclude the purchase.

5.2 Derriaghy FC Lease

The Committee was reminded of its decision, taken in December 2018, to approve the signing of a new 25 year lease with Derriaghy FC for the football pitch at Seycon Park. The club had, however, delayed the implementation date and subsequent negotiations, in light of the amendments being brought forward by the IFA in relation to intermediate ground criteria. These had resulted in a proposal that the boundary fence be realigned to incorporate two additional parcels of land, as indicated on a map with which Members had been provided. The additional parcels would permit future development of a spectator stand, as requested by the IFA, and would also enable the movement of storage containers inside the curtilage of the fence. The map provided to Members indicated the extent of the Council's ownership and that area outside the leased land would continue to be maintained by Council staff.

It was noted that a wider paper providing an update on proposed IFA Intermediate Ground Criteria, including this site at Derriaghy FC, would be brought forward once clarifications had been received from the IFA. In the meantime, it was agreed to recommend that approval be given to the proposal to add two additional parcels of land to the site leased to Derriaghy FC by the realignment of the existing boundary fence, which was required to complete the lease and was beneficial to both the club and the Council, regardless of the IFA proposals.

5.3 Play Park Refurbishments

Members noted the delivery timetable for the play park refurbishments and new play parks, as outlined in the report of the Head of Parks & Amenities.

The Head of Parks & Amenities agreed to provide Councillor S Skillen with information in relation to the two pieces of equipment to be installed at the Dungoyne Play Park that would be particularly designed for use by children with disabilities.

5.4 Lagan Valley Regional Park – AGM Minutes 2018

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of the minutes of the Lagan Valley Regional Park AGM held on 27 September, 2018.

The Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing took note of comments by Councillor D J Craig who stated that he had previously been nominated to represent the Council on the Lagan Valley Regional Park; however, he had been unable to attend meetings as they clashed with meetings of the Education Authority (EA) Board.

5.5 2019 Translink Ulster in Bloom Results

Members noted from the report of the Head of Parks & Amenities, successes achieved by the Council in the 2019 Translink Ulster in Bloom awards.

6. Report of Head of Cultural and Community Services (Acting)

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Alderman A Grehan and agreed that the report and recommendations of the Head of Cultural and Community Services (Acting) be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

6.1 Review of Community Plan Action Plan

Members having been provided with a copy of the Community Plan Action Plan 2019-2024, it was agreed to recommend that approval be given to the integral elements of the Action Plan that fell under the responsibility of the Council.

6.2 Community Plan Statement of Progress

At this point, the Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, left the meeting (6.50 pm). The Vice-Chairman, Councillor H Legge, took the chair and conducted the remainder of business on the agenda.

During consideration of this item of business, Councillor A Swan left the meeting (6.50 pm), as did Councillor Jenny Palmer (6.52 pm), Councillor R McLernon (6.53 pm), Alderman T Morrow (6.56 pm) and Councillor S Skillen (6.56 pm).

Members were reminded that community planning was a statutory function embedded within the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 and legislation listed a number of named partners who must participate in the delivery of community planning along with the Council. The Council's role was to manage and facilitate the process, including monitoring and providing feedback to the Department for Communities (DfC). The first review of the Lisburn & Castlereagh Community Planning Partnership was due on 29 November, 2019.

Members were provided with a copy of a draft Statement of Progress which outlined the Partnership's achievements and challenges to date. Examples of feedback from some of the actions were illustrated through cartoon and video, which acted as a powerful message of impact, and these were shown to

6.2 Community Plan Statement of Progress (Contd)

Members at the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor A Gowan, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed to recommend that the Statement of Progress, due to submitted to DfC in November 2019 be approved.

6.3 Community Christmas Grants 2019

Having declared an interest in this matter, Councillor A Gowan left, and returned to, the meeting whilst this item of business was being considered (6.58 pm).

Alderman T Morrow returned to the meeting and the Community Planning Manager left the meeting (6.58 pm).

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of information relating to Christmas Tree Grant Applications for 2019, as well as information on switch-on events.

6.4 Crowdfunder

Members were provided with a copy of a Phase II investment request from Crowdfunder. Having considered information set out in the report of the Head of Cultural and Community Services (Acting) in relation to the Crowdfunding pilot project, which had now completed, it was agreed to recommend that, while content to support the concept of crowdfunding generally, the Council would not offer a continuance of the specific partnership with Crowdfunder and that the annual fee to that organisation be reallocated into other community engagement work.

6.5 Heritage Lottery Fund Development Grant: Hilden Mill School Refurbishment and Reinvigoration Project

Councillor S Skillen returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.01 pm).

Members were reminded that the Council had taken a decision to seek Heritage Lottery Funding to assist with the refurbishment and re-purpose of the former Hilden Primary School as both a community and tourist venue to facilitate the social, economic and historical role of the school as part of the regeneration of the Hilden area. Following the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, it was noted that a Development Grant of £44,600.00 had now been awarded to the Council to undertake the Business Plan and Development Appraisal of the project. It was agreed to recommend that, following preparation of the Business Plan and Development Appraisal, the Council would progress to Phase Two of the Heritage Lottery Fund's programme of Hilden Primary School as a refurbished venue for future community and tourism use. Councillor D J Craig commended Officers for their hard work and effort in respect of this matter.

6.6 PEACE Meeting Minutes – 7 March, 2019

It was agreed to recommend that the minutes of the meeting of the Lisburn & Castlereagh Local PEACE IV Partnership held on 7 March, 2019 be approved, it

6.6 PEACE Meeting Minutes – 7 March, 2019 (Contd)

being noted that delegated authority had been granted to the April meeting of the Leisure and Community Development Committee to approve both the tender and grants recommended by the Partnership.

6.7 Draft Minutes of PEACE IV Partnership Meeting on 16 September, 2019

Members were provided with a copy of the draft minutes of the PEACE IV Partnership meeting held on 16 September, 2019. Members' attention was drawn to the following items in the minutes that required approval:

- (a) the appointment of Councillor D J Craig as Chairman and Councillor D Honeyford as Vice-Chairman of the PEACE IV Partnership;
- (b) since June 2019, two projects had withdrawn from the PEACE Programme, leaving an underspend of just over £44,000.00. To offset this underspend, the Peace Manager had liaised with the SEUPB to explore opportunities to use the funding elsewhere. SEUPB had agreed to redirect the funds to a partner-led project (EA led Lisburn Castlereagh Youth Council) and a grant (Crewe United FC). The PEACE Partnership had given retrospective approval to an increase in the funding awarded to the Lisburn Castlereagh Youth Council, led by the EA, by £17,069.00 and to award the Crewe United grant an additional £1,250.00; and
- (c) the current PEACE Programme was due to end in February 2020 and the Peace Manager considered that 2 months would not allow sufficient time to monitor, evaluate and close down the programme. Unused overhead costs were identified and would cover the extra financial cost of the March salaries. The Partnership had approved the extension of operation for one month of the Peace IV Secretariat, with closure due on 31 March, 2019.

It was agreed to recommend that the minutes be approved.

6.8 Revised Schedule of Opening/Closing of Facilities for Christmas and New Year 2019/20

Members having been provided with a revised schedule of opening/closing of facilities within the Cultural and Community Services Unit over the Christmas and New Year holiday period, it was agreed to recommend that this be approved.

6.9 Victory in Europe Celebrations: Community Grant Fund

Members were reminded that a decision had been taken by the Council to provide a resource of £10,000.00 to develop and deliver a small-scale funding programme to support local community/voluntary organisations in celebrating the Royal Wedding in 2018 and that this had resulted in 36 applications requesting a total of £18,000.00.

Given the VE Celebrations due in May 2020, it was agreed to recommend that the Council offer a similar small-scale grants scheme for up to £500 per community/voluntary organisation and that a resource of £15,000.00 be made

6.9 Victory in Europe Celebrations: Community Grant Fund (Contd)

available in the 2020/21 Community Services budget for this purpose. It was anticipated that applications to the scheme would be opened on 7 February, 2020, with a closing date of 6 March, 2020.

7. Report of Head of Sports Services

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that the report and recommendations of the Head of Sports Services be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

7.1 Replacement Fitness Suite Equipment – Lagan Valley LeisurePlex

The Head of Sports Services reported that, when the Vitality Gym & Spa at Lagan Valley LeisurePlex had been upgraded in 2014, it had been agreed that gym equipment would be financed by two different methods. The resistance equipment had been purchased outright as it had a longer lifespan and was less exposed to changes in product development and customer expectation. Cardio vascular equipment, including treadmills, bikes and cross trainers, had an accepted lifespan of around 5 years, dependent on usage, with product development running at a faster pace, so it had been purchased on a 5 year lease.

Sports Services staff had reviewed the existing provision, including consultation with customers and equipment suppliers and taking cognisance of the increased demand emanating from the Vitality Household Membership. As a result, the Head of Sports Services proposed replacing all of the existing cardio vascular equipment, including provision of new machines to the facility, plus replacement of two of the existing resistance machines. A review of spatial requirements within the gym, and taking cognisance of the new equipment, also provided the potential to include an additional six pieces of equipment, thus increasing the number of stations available to members.

The overall proposal would result in an increase in costs of £500 per month to reflect the new and additional pieces of equipment, but included full maintenance of the resistance machines, although an additional charge of £5,000 would be incurred per annum to maintain the resistance machines under a service agreement.

It was agreed to recommend that approval be given to the procurement, on a lease/HP basis, of all cardio vascular equipment and two pieces of resistance equipment through the Eastern Shires Procurement Organisation framework, with additional costs being reflected in the 2020/21 estimates, it being noted that this additional expenditure would be more than offset by the Vitality income.

The Head of Sports Services agreed to confirm to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, if the equipment was being replaced on a 'like for like' basis.

7.2 Requests from Carryduff Colts FC and Carryduff GAC to Make a Presentation to the Leisure and Community Development Committee

The Head of Sports Services reported that an approach had been made over the summer period from both Carryduff Colts FC and Carryduff GAC to make a presentation to the Committee to outline the success of both clubs, the challenge they faced and their future plans. The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, having met with both clubs, it was agreed to recommend that each club would be received at the November meeting of the Leisure and Community Development Committee to make a short 10 minute presentation followed by Members' questions.

7.3 Sports Services Customer Service Excellence Assessment Report 2019

Members were reminded that Sports Services had been the first service in Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council to undertake the Customer Service Excellence (CSE) Accreditation, achieving the initial award in June 2018. The CSE review process was undertaken annually, with a further two day review having taken place in June 2019. Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of the final assessment report highlighting an increase in the number of 'compliance plus' areas from 2 to 7, whilst the majority of partial compliances had also increased to 5. The majority of partial compliances were due to targets that had been increased subsequent to the initial assessment not having been met despite an improvement from year one. The overall review was very positive and demonstrated external independent validation of the service provided to customers and the desire to ensure standards and services were continually improving. The Head of Sports Services pointed out that the service was assessed as a whole and, therefore, represented positive contribution from all facilities and services, and staff at all levels. Work was already underway in preparation for the 2020 assessment.

7.4 Association of Public Service Excellence – Sports & Leisure Facility Management Performance Network and National Service Awards – Sports & Culture

Members were reminded that the Council was a member of the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) and took part in its Sports & Leisure Facility Benchmarking process, part of which was a comparative exercise with other similar facilities in NI. Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of the 2018/19 'Performance at a Glance' reports for Dundonald International Ice Bowl, Lagan Valley LeisurePlex and Lough Moss Leisure Centre presenting, on the whole, a positive picture when compared to other facilities. Particularly pleasing were the indicators in relation to staff and number of customers, but further work was required in reducing energy levels, although the age profile of the buildings was not conducive to energy efficiency. It was noted that the results were not reflective of the Vitality Household Membership as this had not been introduced until March 2019.

Members were further reminded that Sports Services had been a finalist in the Best Service Team category at the recent APSE National Service Awards. Unfortunately, it had not been successful on this occasion but it was hoped that a much more compelling submission could be made in 2020 to reflect the impact of Vitality Household Membership.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Works Required at Enler Centre
Councillor S Skillen

Councillor S Skillen referred to an incident that had occurred the previous day at the Enler Centre. The Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing agreed to liaise with the landlord of the centre with a view to having necessary works urgently carried out to address the matter.

8.2 Installation of Memorial Bench at Colby Park
Councillor R Carlin

Councillor R T Beckett left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.17 pm).

Councillor R Carlin stated that he had been approached by a number of residents from the Four Winds area seeking permission to install a memorial bench at Colby Park to mark the forthcoming anniversary of the death of a young girl near to the park.

The Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing suggested the family write to the Council regarding this matter and the request would then be considered in line with the Council's policy on the installation of memorial benches.

8.3 Request for Provision of Safety Barriers
Councillor N Trimble

Councillor N Trimble, on behalf of Councillor Jenny Palmer who had left the meeting earlier, advised that a request had been received from the Lagan Valley Apprentice Boys of Lisburn for the provision of safety barriers for a forthcoming event on 23 November, 2019. As some further information in relation to the organisation of the event was required, it was proposed by Alderman A Grehan, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed to recommend that, to allow a timely decision in advance of the event, the Leisure and Community Development Committee be given delegated authority to make a decision regarding this request at its next meeting.

8.4 MUGA Leases – Sinking Funds
Alderman T Morrow

Alderman T Morrow referred to discussion at the last meeting of the Committee in relation to the above matter and requested if a meeting could be arranged between Officers and the community groups involved. The Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing advised that this matter was due to be considered by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) before a further report would be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee. Following discussion, it was agreed that, following CMT consider of the matter, the Director would arrange the meeting as suggested by Alderman Morrow and which would involve the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and any Members from the relevant District Electoral Areas who wished to attend.

8.5 Update on LD1, 5, 6 and 7
Alderman A Grehan

Councillor S Skillen left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.31 pm).

Alderman A Grehan referred to her request at the last meeting to be provided with an update in relation to LD1 Brokerstown Road and LD5, 6 and 7 Pond Park and Derrriagh Road Article 40 Planning Agreements. The Director advised that during his recent period of annual leave, a meeting of the LD1 Working Group had taken place. As he had not yet been briefed on the outcome of the meeting when the reports for this meeting of the Leisure and Community Development committee had been prepared, he had been unable to provide the paper requested by Alderman Grehan. However, he agreed to (a) endeavour to have a paper prepared for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee; and (b) email a response to Alderman Grehan in relation to LD5, 6 and 7 that could be shared with constituents.

8.6 Cairnshill Playing Fields
Councillor M Guy

The Director of Leisure and Community Development agreed to investigate a request from Councillor M Guy in respect of an issue at Cairnshill Playing Fields.

8.7 Provision of Bursary Grants for Further Education
Councillor D J Craig

In response to a request from Councillor D J Craig, the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing agreed to investigate the possibility of the Council providing a small number of bursary grants per year to assist with further education costs for people on lower earnings, thus improving social deprivation in the Council area. In agreeing to investigate this matter, the Director agreed to liaise with colleagues in the Economic Development section.

8.8 Vitality Household Membership App
Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy

In response to a query by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, the Head of Sports Services confirmed the Vitality Household Membership App was due to go live the following day.

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Acting Chairman, Councillor H Legge, advised that the next meeting of the Committee was due to be held on 5 November. As that was the night of the fireworks event in Thiepval Barracks, she stated that the commencement time of the meeting may require to be changed.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 7.45 pm.

Mayor/Chairman