

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, 5th November 2019 at 5:05 pm

PRESENT:

Alderman J Tinsley (Chairman)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor A Givan

Aldermen A Grehan and T Morrow

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

OTHER MEMBERS:

Councillor D Honeyford

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Carryduff GAC

Mr Paul McConville, Chairperson
Mr Mark Hollywood, Club Development Officer

Carryduff Colts FC

Mr Eamon Deeny - Chairman
Mr Jake McKeown - Vice Chair
Mr Mark Hanvey, Pitch Development Officer
Mr Pat Neeson - Welfare officer

Commencement of the Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, having welcomed those present to the November meeting proceeded to outline the safety announcement in the case of an emergency.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors N Anderson and H Legge and the Head of Cultural and Community Services (Acting).

2. **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman invited Members to declare any Conflicts of Interest they might have in relation to the business of the meeting and reminded them of the

requirement that they complete Declaration of Interest forms in this regard, which had been provided at the meeting.

The following declarations of interest were made:

- Councillor Jenny Palmer in respect of item 7.7 Be Active/Stay Active Small Grants 2019/2020 due to her membership of the Board of Governors of Tonagh Primary School, and
- Councillor A Gowan in respect of item 7.7 Be Active/Stay Active Small Grants 2019/2020 due to him being the Vice Chairman of Annahilt and Magheraconluce Community Association

During the course of the meeting, the following declarations of interest were made:

- Councillor M Guy – in respect of items 9.1 Presentation from Carryduff GAC due to her being a member of the Carryduff GAC and also a member of the Fundraising Committee for the Club's annual dinner.
- Councillor M Guy – in respect of item 9.2 Presentation by Carryduff Colts FC due to family members being a coach and a player at Carryduff Colts FC
- Councillor D J Craig in respect of item 7.4 Sport NI Multi Facility Fund – Laurelhill Sports Zone due to him being the Chairman of Laurelhill Sports Zone

3. Deputations – Presentations from Carryduff GAC and Carryduff Colts FC

The Chairman reminded the Committee of its previous decision to receive representatives from Carryduff GAC and Carryduff Colts FC in order to present to the Committee on their respective Clubs, including their future plans and challenges faced in the development of their Clubs.

It was agreed that as the deputations were due to arrive to the meeting at 6.00 pm and 6.20 pm that the reports of Officers be considered prior to the presentations.

4. Report from Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing

It was agreed that the main report and recommendations of the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, arrived to the meeting at 5.08 pm.

4.1 Nominations to Outside Bodies

The Director having reminded the Committee of recent legal clarification sought by the Council in respect of Elected Members nominated to sit on 3rd party Boards on behalf of the Council and the subsequent decision of the Corporate Services Committee in September 2019 reported that the Committee was now required to

make the appointments to the board of Lagan Valley Regional Park (2 Members) and the board of Lagan Navigation Trust (1 Member).

The Director clarified that there was no requirement for the Committee to make an appointment to the Board of Lagan Valley Rural Transport in view of the Council's decision to approve a recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee at its meeting in September 2019.

4.1.1 Nomination to Lagan Valley Regional Park

It was agreed to recommend that two nominations to represent the Council on Lagan Valley Regional Park be deferred for one further month and that meanwhile Members of the Committee would consult with their party colleagues with a view of bringing forward any nomination(s) at the December meeting of the Committee.

4.1.2 Lagan Navigation Trust

It was proposed by Councillor R McLernon, seconded by Councillor S Skillen, and agreed to recommend that Councillor N Trimble be nominated to represent the Council on Lagan Navigation Trust for the duration of the Council term.

4.2 Parenting NI "Big Parent Survey" – Request for Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council to Support the Launch of Findings Report

The Director reported receipt of a request from the above organisation to host an event, the launch of findings of Parenting NI's "Big Parent Survey," on 19 February 2020. It was noted that the Council had three Parenting Champions associated with the group, namely: Councillor S Skillen, Councillor H Legge and Councillor M Guy.

It was agreed to recommend that the Council accedes to the above request from Parenting NI, it being noted that the cost of the support was in the region of £525.00.

4.3 Book Publication – Request for Financial Assistance

The Director outlined the background to and a number of key issues in connection with the above-mentioned request from White Row Press for financial assistance in the sum of £5,920 towards the printing of a book on the subject of Con O'Neill, the last Gaelic Lord of Clannaboy, whose estates included much of the land now administered by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

A copy of a letter from White Row Press, publishers of the above-mentioned book had been circulated to the Committee, it being noted that the book was being published to mark the four hundredth anniversary of Con O'Neill's death in 1619, and had been written by the Headmaster of Moneyreagh Primary School.

The Director reminded the Committee that the Council had previously provided financial assistance to support the publication of books of local historical or community interest.

The Director responded to questions from Councillor D J Craig, Councillor N Trimble and Alderman A Grehan in regard to the above request for financial assistance.

Alderman T Morrow entered the meeting at 5.17 pm.

It was proposed by Councillor A Grehan, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, and agreed to recommend that the Council approves financial assistance to White Row press up to a maximum of £5,000 towards the cost of the publication of the above-mentioned book on the condition that:

- a) the publisher acknowledges the Council in the publication with appropriate wording including the Council Crest,
- b) the book launch takes place in the Irish Linen Centre/Lisburn Museum, and
- c) the Council receives an agreed number of copies of the publication.

4.4 Drumbo Community Association: Mens Shed Group – Proposed Lease

The Director outlined the background to and key issues in relation to an approach that had been received from Drumbo Community Association with a view to space being leased to the Association to support Drumbo Mens Shed group. The space was a Council-owned prefabricated building at Drumbo Playing Fields which was formerly leased to Drumbo Football Club but was returned to the Council when the club folded.

The Director advised that the facilities were basic and in view of this it was recommended that the facility be offered on a short term lease to the group on the basis of use as a storage facility.

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Alderman A Grehan, and agreed to recommend that:

- a) the Council facilitates the lease of the prefabricated building at Drumbo Playing Fields to Drumbo Community Association to support the Drumbo Mens Shed Group,
- b) in order to facilitate this lease the electricity be separately metered and a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development [CLUD] be put in place to regularise the Planning permission, and
- c) all other liabilities and risks be transferred to Drumbo Community Association through the lease.

5. Report of Head of Parks & Amenities

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the Head of Parks & Amenities be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

5.1 Parks Opening and Closing Times

The Head of Parks and Amenities having reminded the Committee of the two seasonal opening and closing times of most parks in the Council area, reported that there were local exceptions which were based on historic agreements and the prevalence of anti-social behaviour.

The Head of Parks and Amenities responded to questions from the Committee regarding protocol around providing assistance to members of the public who found themselves 'locked in' a park after closing time and also in regard to how the Council communicated the message of any amended park closing times.

It was agreed to recommend that the Council grants delegated authority to the Head of Parks and Amenities to amend the parks' opening and closing times as required in response to the levels of antisocial behaviour that may be experienced at any particular time or location, it being noted that with any change in timings, appropriate signage and communications would be made available to the general public in advance.

5.2 Memorial Request in Colby Park

The Head of Parks and Amenities reminded the Committee that at the October meeting of the Committee, Officers had been asked to consider a request from the community made through Councillor R Carlin, to erect a memorial bench in Colby Park Play area to mark the passing of a child who had sadly died nearby almost a year ago.

It was noted that the Head of Parks and Amenities had since met with a member of the above-mentioned family and options had been discussed and subsequently the child's mother had requested that the Council permit the planting of a Cherry tree (or similar) in the park with a small plaque placed at the base of the tree.

It was agreed to recommend that Officers progress the planting of a memorial tree in Colby Park with a small accompanying plaque.

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

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the Head of Cultural and Community Services (Acting) be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

In the absence of the Head of Cultural and Community Services (Acting) the Director presented items 6.1 and 6.2 and the Community Planning Manager presented items 6.3 and 6.4.

6.1 Ulster Scotch Leid Week (25th – 30th November 2019)

The Committee noted correspondence from the Chief Executive of the Ulster-Scots Agency requesting the Council to consider support in promoting the Agency's first Ulster-Scots Language Week which would run from 25-30 November 2019 through the organisation of a complementary event in the hope of

raising awareness and appreciation of the Ulster-Scots language in the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area.

It was agreed to recommend that:

- a) the Council supports the promotion of the Ulster-Scots Agency's Language Week in the form of a lunchtime music and poetry recital in the Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum on Saturday 30 November 2019,
- b) the event to include the Highland Bagpipe and Pipe Bands, flute bands, Scottish accordion and fiddle music, accordion bands, and fife and Lambeg drums, and
- c) the sum of £400 be approved towards the above-mentioned lunchtime event which would come from the Good Relations, Museum & Heritage and Arts Services budgets.

6.2 Request for Delegated Authority – Revised Grants Policy

The Director reminded the Committee that at its meeting in October 2019 it had agreed to accept a report and recommendations in relation to a review of Community Services Grants.

Arising from this Review there was now a need for the Committee to agree a revised Community Services Grants Policy. This policy was currently being prepared before being equality screened, considered by CMT, and tabled for Committee consideration and approval in December.

It was agreed to recommend that to ensure the new policy was in place to allow the 2020 Community Support Grant Scheme to be opened in December 2019 on the basis of the review recommendations and in line with the customary timetable, delegated authority be granted to the Leisure & Community Development Committee to consider and agree the new policy at its meeting in December 2019.

6.3 Lisburn and Castlereagh Youth Council Update 2019

The Committee noted an update in relation to the Lisburn & Castlereagh Youth Council following a recent recruitment exercise to replace the outgoing Youth Council which had been established in January 2018 for a two-year period.

The Community Planning Manager reported that there were 34 members appointed to the Youth Council with a good representation across all the Council's District Electoral Areas (DEAs).

The Community Planning Manager also informed the Committee of a Youth Council event planned for Monday 11 November 2019.

Councillor D J Craig welcomed the report on the Lisburn and Castlereagh Youth Council. In response to a question from Councillor Craig the Community Planning Manager stated that there was also a better spread of Youth Council Members from all socio-economic groups.

It was agreed that the update report on the Youth Council be noted.

6.4 Assessment of 2021 Censuses in the UK – Preliminary Findings

The Committee noted details in regard to the UK Statistics Authority's assessment of the effectiveness of all UK statistics services, including NISRA.

The Community Planning Manager advised that the Council had responded to these consultations to ensure that robust data was established to evaluate the impact of community planning and other services.

The most recent of these consultations was an Assessment of Compliance with the Code of Practice for Statistics, the results of which had been published. A copy of the full report had been furnished to the Committee, together with a letter from the Director General for Regulation.

It was agreed that the update report on the preliminary findings of the assessment of the 2021 Censuses in the UK be noted, it being also noted that further reports would be brought to the Committee for consideration, as the process continued to develop.

7. Report of Head of Sports Services

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the Head of Sports Services be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

7.1 Lisburn Half Marathon, 10K and Fun Run – Vitality Sponsorship Opportunity

The Head of Sports Services outlined the background to and a number of key issues in relation to the above-mentioned sponsorship opportunity for this major event.

The Head of Sports Services advised that given the need to ensure early engagement and event promotion it was proposed to use the 'Vitality' brand as the title sponsor as it presented a unique opportunity to promote Vitality by way of participant database, entry forms, website, brand on 'T' shirts and associated radio advertising.

The Head of Sports Services discussed the opportunity to promote Vitality Household membership via the above proposed sponsorship initiative over an initial 3 year period particularly as the plans for the new Dundonald International Ice Bowl were progressed. It was noted that an annual review would take place following each year's event and that pending approval by the Committee, initial financial provision had been included in the draft 2020/21 budget estimates.

It was agreed to recommend that the report on the sponsorship opportunity for the Lisburn Half Marathon 10K and Fun Run event be noted and that the Committee agrees to the use of the 'Vitality' brand as the title sponsor for this event for an initial period of 3 years dependent upon annual review.

7.2 Castlereagh Hills Golf Course Improvement / Health & Safety Works

The Head of Sports Services reported on a number of key issues in connection with the above-mentioned course improvements and health & safety works that had been identified following a recent Health & Safety inspection at Castlereagh Hills Golf Course.

It was also noted that Council Officers in tandem with a Golf Course Design Consultant had considered a number of potential options to help reduce identified risks, the details of which had been set out in the report circulated.

The Head of Sports Services reported that initial tender costs for the work provided by contractors was in the region of £55,000 but following consultation with colleagues in Parks and Amenities the project could be delivered in house with appropriate support from contractors on a daily rate tender at a cost of approximately £35,000. The budget provision would come from Golf Course Repairs and Renewals and will be split between Sports Services and Parks and Amenities.

The Head of Sports Services responded to questions from Councillor N Trimble in connection with the proposed project costs and also the reference to 'a daily rate tender.'

It was agreed to recommend that the proposed health & safety course improvement works at Castlereagh Hills Golf Course be approved with the works being delivered 'in house' with appropriate support from contractors on a daily rate tender at a cost of approximately £35,000, it being noted that budget provision had been included in the 2019/20 budget estimates.

7.3 Presentations from Carryduff GAC and Carryduff Colts FC

It was noted that the presentations from Carryduff GAC and Carryduff Colts FC would be considered later in the meeting.

7.4 Sport NI Multi Facility Fund – Laurelhill Sportszone

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of confirmation from Sport NI confirming that Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Stage 2 Submission to Sport NI's Multi Facility Fund had been successful.

The Head of Sports Services reported that Sport NI now wished to work with the Council in developing the project and associated business case. Officers would initiate appropriate procedures to progress the project to point of delivery in partnership with Sport NI and approval was now required to procure appropriate consultant support to develop a full Green Book compliant business case.

It was agreed to recommend that the updated report on the Sport NI Multi Facility Fund – Laurelhill Sports Zone be noted and that the Council proceeds to procure appropriate consultant support to develop a full Green Book compliant business case for this initiative.

7.5 Vitality + - Golf

The Head of Sports Services reported that following the successful initial uptake of Vitality Household Membership it was important that the Council continued to develop the offer to both existing and potential members with the recently approved gym provision of Billy Neill Country Park a good example of this. It was noted that presently the only two Sports Services facilities that were not part of the Vitality offer were Castlereagh Hills Golf Course and Aberdelghy Golf Course

In this regard the Committee had been furnished with a copy of a detailed proposal to include a Vitality Golf option to be known as Vitality Plus from 1 April 2020.

The Head of Sports Services elaborated on the above-mentioned proposals and recommended charges which would hopefully not only increase the numbers playing golf but also potentially impact positively on numbers of Club members.

The Head of Sports Services responded to questions from Councillor N Trimble in connection with the figures contained in the above-mentioned proposals and also clarified the issue of the proposal to end concessionary rates as outlined in the business case.

Alderman T Morrow welcomed the proposals to introduce Vitality + to Castlereagh Hills Golf Club and Aberdelghy Golf Course.

It was agreed to recommend that the proposals in relation to Vitality + being introduced to Castlereagh Hills and Aberdelghy Golf Clubs be approved in view of the potential positive impact on income. It was noted that any associated expenditure had been included in the draft 2020/2021 budget estimates.

7.6 Vitality Household Membership – Addition of Concession Charge

The Head of Sports Services reminded the Committee that the Vitality Household Membership had been introduced after a long and detailed research and benchmarking process. Given the number of memberships the challenges had been relatively few in number although a reoccurring theme had been around single adult households.

It was agreed to recommend that from April 1st 2020 a new concession category "Single Adult Household" be introduced with the concession applying to one adult and up to 5 children under 18, it being noted that this concession would not be back dated but any existing households who qualified would be allowed to move to the concession rate.

Councillor A Gowan left the meeting at 5.45 pm.

7.7 Be Active / Stay Active Small Grants 2019/20

The Head of Sports Services reminded the Committee of its decision in September 2019 that if the Be Active/Stay Active Small Grants scheme had been over-subscribed following the assessment an agreed reduction be applied in

consultation with the Director and Chairman and a further update be brought to Committee for Noting.

In this regard the Head of Sports Services reported that a total of 48 applications had been received and following assessment 23 applications were successful at a cumulative award value of £36,691 with Sport NI providing £36,000. As in previous years not all projects were expected to vouch the full amount awarded so the final amount was expected to reflect the £36,000 provided by Sport NI.

The Committee had been furnished with a paper setting out the successful organisations as approved by Chair and Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing.

It was agreed to recommend that update report on the Be Active/Stay Active Small Grants Scheme 2019/2020 be noted.

8. Confidential Report from the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing

The Chairman advised that the reasons for confidentiality for the items contained in the Confidential report were as set out in the agenda, namely;

8.1 Procurement of Bedding Plants – Tender Report

(Confidential for reason Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person [including the Council holding that information].)

8.2 Procurement of Sand and Soil – Tender Report

(Confidential for reason 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 Jenny Palmer, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, and agreed that the confidential reports of the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing be considered “In Committee”, in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

The member of the press who was seated in the Public Gallery left the meeting.

It was agreed that the confidential reports and recommendations of the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below and other items noted:

8.1 Procurement of Bedding Plants – Tender Report

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of a tender report in respect of the procurement of Bedding Plants for towns and villages across the Council area (Lots 1-7).

The Head of Parks and Amenities responded to questions from Councillor Jenny Palmer in regard to the Council’s tender process for bedding plants and the option

to extend the contracts for a further two one-year periods which he stated ensured best value for money in a price-changing market.

It was agreed to recommend that the Council approves the award of tenders to each of the Lots as outlined in the report, it being noted that each tender was the most economically advantageous tender received.

8.2 Procurement of Sand and Soil – Tender Report

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of a tender report in respect of the procurement of sand and soil (Lots 1-11).

It was agreed to recommend that the Council approves the award of tenders to each of the Lots as outlined in the report, it being noted that each tender was the most economically advantageous tender received.

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor S Skillen, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

“Resumption of Normal Business”

9. Deputations

9.1 Presentation by Carryduff GAC

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, extended a welcome on behalf of the Committee, to Mr Paul McConville and Mr Mark Holywood, Chairman and Club Development Officer, respectively, from Carryduff GAC.

Mr McConville thanked the Committee for the opportunity to make a presentation and with the aid of PowerPoint commenced the presentation with an overview of the Club, which had been founded in 1972, and the Club’s historical milestones.

During the presentation Mr McConville highlighted a number of salient issues, including:

- the steady rise in Club Membership during the period 2016-2019
- the breakdown of the Club’s membership – described as a ‘modern, inclusive’ Club
- the Club’s governance structures
- contribution to the community, two of the Club’s members being ambassadors for mental health
- the Club’s ‘ask’ to the Council in terms of a full sized 4G Gaelic Football pitch, with ball-catch nets suitable for both football and hurling
- a shared space with other locally-based community sports
- the Club’s current need in terms of pitch hours for all teams
- the Club’s ‘growing needs’ in terms of membership projections by 2021
- a partnership approach with Carryduff Colts FC
- added Value contribution with LCCC’s Priorities and Objectives

In concluding Mr McConville drew the Committee’s attention to the Club’s publication entitled “Carryduff GAC Development Plan 2019-2022.

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, acknowledged the recent success of the Club in obtaining the Senior Team of the Year award.

Mr McConville responded to questions from the Committee and extended an invitation to the Committee to visit the Club and see first-hand the Club's facilities.

The Chairman thanked Mr McConville and Mr Holywood for their contribution following which they left the meeting.

9.2 Presentation by Carryduff Colts FC

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, extended a welcome on behalf of the Committee, to the undernoted officials from Carryduff Colts FC:

Mr Eamon Deeny - Chairman
Mr Jake McKeown - Vice Chair
Mr Mark Hanvey – Pitch Development Officer
Mr Pat Neeson - Welfare officer

Mr Deeny with the aid of PowerPoint proceeded to present to the Committee on the background to the Club which was one of the fastest growing football clubs in Belfast with 500 playing members.

The following points were elaborated on during the presentation:

- the current demands for the Club
- the Club's work with local schools and community organisations under the theme "Colts in the Community"
- the Club's requirements & opportunities in particular the need for two full-sized synthetic football pitches to accommodate year round training and building capacity to support a community sports hub
- Club expenditure – it being noted that a large percentage of the Club's expenditure was channelled outside the Lisburn & Castlereagh Council area on pitches

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, left the meeting at 6.30 pm.

The deputation having responded to questions and comments from the Committee thanked the Committee for the opportunity to make their presentation.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hanvey and his colleagues for their presentation following which they left the meeting.

At the request of The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, it was agreed that the presentations by Carryduff GAC and Carryduff Colts FC be noted and that the Head of Sports Services prepare an update report on the issues raised during the presentations and also outlining proposals and plans for a way forward for the Lough Moss site.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Success of Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Ladies Junior Foursomes
The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley

It was agreed that a reception to recognise the recent success of the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Ladies Junior Foursomes be hosted by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, in the near future.

10.2 Garden of Reflection – Moat Park
Councillor S Skillen

Councillor S Skillen extended congratulations to the Head of Parks and Amenities in regard to the organisation of the official opening of the Garden of Reflection event in Moat Park, and stated that the community in Dundonald had also conveyed their appreciation for such a fitting facility.

10.3 3G Pitch at Ballybeen
Councillor S Skillen

Councillor R T Beckett left the meeting at 6.35 pm.

Councillor S Skillen congratulated the Head of Parks and Amenities for progressing the 3G Pitch at Ballybeen which she said was to be commended.

10.4 Works Required at Enler Centre
Councillor S Skillen

Councillor S Skillen enquired about the incident at the Enler Centre that she had raised at the previous meeting of the Committee. The Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing advised that this issue was being dealt with by the Council's Environmental Health unit.

10.5 Ballybeen Mens Shed and Ballybeen Indoor Gym
Councillor S Skillen

In response to Councillor S Skillen's request for an update on the progress of Ballybeen Mens Shed the Director indicated that the development proposals were being finalised currently and that an update report would be brought to the Committee in December 2019.

The Director also advised that the Billy Neill indoor gym was due to open in February/March 2020. The Director advised that a further update report on the Ballybeen Gym, including the issue raised by Councillor Skillen regarding the Council's Vitality initiative, would be brought to the Committee in December 2019.

10.6 Glenavy and Surrounding Area
Councillor D Honeyford

Councillor D Honeyford referred to the lack of community facilities in Glenavy and in particular the fact that the community hall was 'outgrown' Councillor Honeyford welcomed the village renewal schemes that were to be progressed next year but

one of the main issues was that there had been previously no suitable land available for development. Recently however a couple of sites had been identified and Councillor Honeyford stated he had been speaking with both directors and planners regarding these sites and enquired if it was now appropriate to prepare a business case and a needs analysis for Glenavy and the surrounding area.

The Director responded to Councillor Honeyford's comments and also further comments from Alderman A Grehan on the issues raised. The Director advised that it would be more appropriate to include a wider area than just Glenavy and in this regard undertook to bring report back to Committee next month on how best to take forward an assessment of need and site analysis in relation to the possible provision of community hub facilities for Glenavy and the wider area.

10.7 Request for Provision of Safety Barriers
Councillor N Trimble

Councillor N Trimble enquired in regard to the above matter which had been raised by Councillor Jenny Palmer at the previous meeting of the Committee when it had been agreed that the Committee would seek delegated authority to consider a request for safety barriers at a third party event to be held in November 2019. The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, informed Councillor N Trimble that the requirement to seek delegated authority was no longer necessary as the applicant had withdrawn their request for safety barriers due to insurance issues.

The Director and the Head of Parks and Amenities responded to further comments from Councillor Jenny Palmer regarding the Council's policy on the provision of safety barriers at events.

10.8 Tribute to Daniel Harper, GB Champion Junior Racing Driver
Councillor Jenny Palmer

Councillor Jenny Palmer paid tribute to the recent success of Daniel Harper from Lisburn on winning the GB Championship Young Junior Racing Driver and Porsche Carrera Cup. At the request of Councillor Palmer the Chairman, Councillor J Tinsley, undertook to consider how Daniel's success could be recognised by the Council.

10.9 Twilight Night by Fairy Light Event 2019
Councillor M Guy

Councillor M Guy commended the organisation of the recent Twilight Night by Fairy Light event in Wallace Park and asked the Director to convey her congratulations and appreciation to the Officers and staff concerned.

The Director having referred to the issues around demand for the Twilight Night event reported that a report on proposals around how the demand issues could be addressed for the 2020 event would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

10.10 Congratulations to the Sports Service Team
Alderman T Morrow

Alderman T Morrow put on record congratulations to the Council's Sports Service Sports Development team for their efforts in progressing the 2019 Draynes Farm Sports Awards and commended the recent Sports Awards Ceremony which recognised the achievements of a wide range of award recipients.

10.11 Cross Country Event at Billy Neill MBE Country Park
The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, reminded Members of the cross country event at the Billy Neill MBE Country Park on Saturday, 9 November 2019.

10.12 Christmas Tree Switch On Events 2019
Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing

The Director reported that the updated programme for the Council's Christmas Tree Switch-On events would be circulated to Members next week.

Conclusion of Meeting

It was agreed that in view of the Dundonald Food Bank Christmas Switch On event taking place on Tuesday 3 December, the same night as the scheduled meeting of the Committee, the time of the Committee meeting be brought forward to 5.00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6.50 pm.

Mayor/Chairman