

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, 4 April, 2017 at 6:15 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor T Morrow (Chairman)

Councillor A Givan (Vice-Chairman)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor R B Bloomfield MBE

Deputy Mayor
Alderman S Martin

Aldermen W A Leathem, S P Porter and J Tinsley

Councillors R T Beckett, J Gray MBE, V Kamble, H Legge,
A McIntyre, S Skillen and N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Leisure & Community Services
Head of Service (Cultural & Community Services)
Head of Service (Parks & Amenities)
Head of Service (Sports Services)
Museum Curator
Project Development Manager
Member Services Officer

Groundwork NI

Ms S Harrison

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman M Henderson MBE and Councillors N Anderson and R Walker.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor A McIntyre, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Community Development Committee held on 7 March, 2017, as adopted at the meeting of Council held on 28 March, 2017, be confirmed and signed.

4. Stockdam Glen/Duncan's Glen

Alderman W A Leathem arrived to the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.28 pm).

Members were reminded of ongoing works to progress the development of Stockdam Glen/Duncan's Glen into a linear park.

Prior to submitting an application for planning, Officers wished to present Members with the final draft for consideration and comment. Members were provided with a copy of the Design and Access Statement.

The Head of Service (Parks & Amenities) introduced Ms S Harrison from Groundwork NI. With the use of visual aid equipment, Ms Harrison made a presentation to Members in relation to design proposals for the linear park, which included information on design principles and concepts, access and disabled provision and sustainability.

Ms Harrison having answered several queries raised by Members, the Chairman, Councillor T Morrow, thanked her for her attendance and she left the meeting (6.38 pm), as did the Project Development Manager.

It was noted that this matter would be further considered at a later point in the meeting.

5. Report from the Director of Leisure & Community Services

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

Items for Decision

5.1 Allocation of Sport NI 'Every Body Active 2020 (Small Grants)' Funding to District Councils: Call for Expressions of Interest

Members were provided with a copy of correspondence dated 28 March, 2017 from Sport NI advising of new arrangements for the disbursement of the above funding through district councils and inviting expressions of interest from each council to participate in this programme, the deadline for submission of which was 28 April, 2017. The Director stated that he understood the grant apportionment to this Council was likely to be around £50,000, which would bring quite a significant advantage to the area.

The Director pointed out that the proposals had been the subject of consultation with both the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) and Chief Cultural and Leisure Officers Association (CLOA) and both organisations would be supportive of the proposals.

It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the submission of an expression of interest on behalf of the Council be approved. However, the Director took note of Members'

5.1 Allocation of Sport NI 'Every Body Active 2020 (Small Grants)' Funding to District Councils: Call for Expressions of Interest (Contd)

concerns that, when funding was reduced or ceased in the future, there could be an expectation on the Council to continue the provision of funding.

5.2 Sir Richard Wallace: Bi-Centenary (1818-2018)

Further to the decision taken at the last meeting, Members were provided with a copy of a report containing options in respect of arrangements to mark the above event. Members were also provided with a copy of a letter dated 20 March, 2017 from the Principal of Wallace High School in relation to the same matter.

It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that (a) the report be approved; (b) a working group be established to consist of the Mayor of the day and the Leisure and Community Development Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the day, with external representation being co-opted to the working group as and when required; (c) all proposals by the working group would be reported to the Leisure and Community Development Committee for agreement; and (d) the letter from the Principal of Wallace High School be referred to the working group for consideration.

5.3 Former Hilden Primary School: Brief for Consultants to Assist in the Process of Identifying a Strategic Partner in Taking Forward Re-Development

Members were reminded that, last year, the Council had taken ownership of the above facility with a view to it being developed for community and social economy use. Discussions had been ongoing with the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) about possible grant assistance to support the Council in restoring and redeveloping the 'listed' facility for such use. These discussions had led to a recommendation that the Council consider appointing a strategic partner organisation to work with it in taking forward the redevelopment and it was anticipated that this would involve the partner organisation in operating and managing the facility.

To assist in this process, it was recommended that the Council adopt a similar approach to that recently taken to identify a strategic partner sports club to support the Council in taking forward the proposed developments at Laurelhill College, Lisburn. The process would involve appointing a consultant to organise an 'expressions of interest' exercise, carry out an objective analysis of submissions received and then provide a report making a recommendation on the most appropriate partner organisation for the Council to work with in developing and ultimately operating the facility.

Members having been provided with a copy of a draft brief for the appointment of suitable consultants, it was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the draft brief be approved and that Officers take the project forward on this basis.

5.4 National Association of Councillors Conference: Health & Wellbeing & Armed Forces Covenant – Scarborough 7-9 April, 2017

Members having been provided with a copy of details of the above conference, the estimated cost of a Member's attendance at which was £758.18, it was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that, given the unavailability of Members to attend at such short notice, no nominations be made.

5.5 Race Against Multiple Sclerosis: 30th Anniversary

Members were advised that this year marked the 30th anniversary of Race Against Multiple Sclerosis (RAMS), which was based within the City. A request had been received from that organisation that the Council, through Leisure & Community Services, take an advertisement of support marking this anniversary in promotional material being planned by the organisation this year. It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the Council provide support on the above basis up to a maximum cost of £200.00.

5.6 Departmental Risk Register

Members having been provided with a copy of an updated Departmental Risk Register following review by Officers, it was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that its contents be approved.

Items for Noting

5.7 Departmental Budget Report

Members were provided with a copy of a departmental budget report for the period 1 April, 2016 to 31 March, 2017, as at 28 February, 2017. It was proposed by Councillor A McIntyre, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed to recommend that its contents be noted.

Items for Consideration

5.8 Report from the Head of Service (Parks & Amenities)

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

Items for Decision

5.8.1 Stockdam Glen/Duncan's Glen

Further to the presentation made on this matter under item 4, it was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor J Gray and agreed to recommend that (a) the draft Design and Access Statement be approved; (b) a site meeting be arranged for all Elected Members; (c) further consideration be given to the name to be given to the linear park; and (d) the revised budget figure be noted.

5.8.2 Ferris Wheel – Wallace Park

The Head of Service reported that, in preparation for the Mayor's Parade and Family Fun Day in Wallace Park on 20 May, 2017, the Council had been approached by a company wishing to erect a 40m Ferris wheel (photograph of which Members had been provided with). The wheel would be at Balmoral Show the week previous and could be moved and ready for opening on 20 May. The Ferris wheel would enable users to have spectacular views over Wallace Park and the City of Lisburn.

To make it viable to construct it, the company proposed erecting the Ferris wheel for the Family Fun Day and contributing £1,400 towards the Mayor's Charity, then keeping it in situ for a further week until Sunday, 28 May, 2017 and contributing a further £3,500 to the Council in rent. The company intended opening from 6.00 pm to 9.30 pm until 28 May and was also willing to secure a suitable bond on the ground for any damage caused. The operator would be responsible for the advertising campaign for the additional days, including the Mayor's Family Fun Day, in local press and radio, and would offer nightly discounts available online. The operator would also have security on site during opening hours, provided by Eventsec.

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor J Gray and agreed that approval be given to the installation of a 40m Ferris wheel at Wallace Park for the Mayor's Family Fun Day and then remain in situ for a further week until Sunday, 28 May, opening daily to the public from 6.00 pm to 9.30 pm.

5.8.3 Request for Infrastructure Support – County Antrim Demonstration
12 July, 2017

The Head of Service reported that the annual Country Antrim demonstration would be held in Hillsborough this year and the local District Lodge had requested assistance from the Council as in previous years. At present, the Lodges were using private lands both for assembly and demonstration field.

In line with Council policy on infrastructure support to events, as outlined in the Head of Service's report, it was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor J Gray and agreed to recommend that the request for the provision of infrastructure and cleansing support to the 2017 Twelfth of July Demonstration in Hillsborough be approved.

5.8.4 Mayor's Family Fun Day – Saturday, 20 May, 2017

In recent years, the Mayor's Family Fun Day had provided a marquee to enable a boxing display by a local club. This had proved a useful recruitment opportunity for the local club who had also benefitted from the fee given by Council. In order to ensure parity across all boxing clubs in the enlarged Council area, it was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor J Gray and agreed to recommend that approval be given to the rotation of boxing clubs at the Mayor's Family Fun Day.

Items for Noting

5.8.5 Carryduff Greenway

The Committee was advised that Officers had been working to progress the Carryduff Greenway and, as previously notified, had secured a grant of £8,000 from the Department for Infrastructure towards completion of a Feasibility Report, copy of which Members had been provided with. It was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the contents of the Feasibility Report be noted.

The Head of Service reported that the Council would know in several months if the project had been successful in progressing to the next stage, which would be a £25,000 grant towards producing detailed plans and a business case.

5.8.6 Comber Greenway – One Path Initiative

Members were reminded that the Council's engagement with the One Path Initiative on the Comber Greenway. Sustrans had been commissioned to produce a report on the project and Members were provided with a copy of this. It was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the contents of the report be noted.

The report summarised the activities and findings of the first One Path Initiative in Northern Ireland, a project supported by Ards and North Down Borough Council, Belfast City Council, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and the Department for Infrastructure Cycling Unit in response to the current situation relating to behaviour on shared use paths and a recent increase in reported conflict between different types of users.

Sustrans had developed a master plan outlining a series of proposed changes to the path, which it was hoped that Central and Local Government Departments would work together to implement. The main recommendation falling within this City Council area was the creation of an access point at Billy Neill. Contractors were already on site executing this aspect of the plan.

Councillor S Skillen, having welcomed the above report, stated that, some time ago, herself and the Chairman, Councillor T Morrow, had been nominated to sit on a committee to deal with the One Path Initiative on the Comber Greenway but had never been invited to attend any meetings. The Chairman having concurred with this, the Head of Service agreed to investigate this matter.

5.8.7 Refurbishment of Play Parks

As part of the Council's ongoing play park development, three play parks had now been refurbished and were ready to be officially opened. Members were provided with a copy of photographs of these play parks.

Invitations had been issued to all Members of the Committee, as well as Councillors from the ward in which the play parks were located, and details of the openings were set out in the Head of Service's report.

5.8.7 Refurbishment of Play Parks (Contd)

The Head of Service advised that work would shortly commence on the next phase, which would see play parks refurbished or constructed in 2017/18, as detailed in his report.

It was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the above information be noted.

Discussion arose regarding accessibility and provision of equipment for disabled children in play parks, during which the Head of Service:

- (a) stressed that Ballyoran play park was fully accessible for wheelchairs and did have equipment to cater for children who could be taken from their wheelchairs;
- (b) pointed out that, in smaller play parks, the provision of equipment that catered for children who could not leave their wheelchairs was not possible as this required an extensive area which required to be fenced off and the nature of the equipment also potentially excluded other children;
- (c) agreed to look into the possibility of Dungoyne play park having provision for wheelchair-bound children, although he pointed out that this would have a budget implication;
- (d) agreed to investigate comments that part of the pathway had been reduced, thus causing difficulties in getting wheelchairs from the car park at Ballyoran play park to the nearby Aaron House Care Home; and
- (e) took note of comments regarding the need to advise residents of the location of their nearest play park that had facilities for wheelchair-bound children.

5.8.8 Service Unit Risk Register

Members were provided with a copy of the biannual review of the Parks & Amenities Service Unit Risk Register. It was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the contents of this document be noted.

5.8.9 Rural Village Renewal Programme

Members were provided with a copy of a report being presented to the April meeting of the Development Committee, setting out the outcome of the Village Renewal Scoping Study and detailing the proposed schemes in the agreed areas. The schemes varied across each of the five areas and the financial schedule in the report set out the project delivery costs, excluding recurrent expenditure that may be required to maintain and sustain particular elements of the schemes going forward. Discussion was currently ongoing with TransportNI to ensure that the appropriate agreements were in place that would detail the operational and financial responsibilities for the maintenance of these areas going forward. Members were advised that it may, however, be necessary to make financial provision next year for the recurrent expenditure associated with the operational support that some elements of these projects may require from the Council.

5.8.9 Rural Village Renewal Programme (Contd)

It was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the contents of the above report be noted.

The Head of Service took note of comments that, given that not all potential projects identified were being progressed at this time, this report should not be shelved and repeated in a few years' time, but should be held on record as a longer term plan until all projects identified were completed.

At the request of Alderman S P Porter, who required to leave the meeting early, it was agreed that the report from the Head of Service (Sports Services) be considered at this time.

5.9 Report from the Head of Service (Sports Services)

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

Items for Decision

5.9.1 Mayor's Charity – Request to Use Castlereagh Hills Golf Course for Mayor's Charity Golf Event

The Head of Service reported receipt of a request from the Mayor's Charity for use of the Castlereagh Hills Golf Course to host a Charity Golf Event on Friday, 5 May, 2017, preferably with a shotgun start around midday. In order to facilitate the shotgun start, the course would have to remain closed to members and pay and play visitors for around 4 hours in advance of the anticipated start time.

Staff at Castlereagh Hills Golf Course had been requested to assist with organisation, promotion, timesheets and presentation of prizes. It was hoped this event could be a showcase opportunity for the new caterer at the club.

Aside from the fact that members would not be able to avail of the course, the Council would lose income from pay and play that would average £650 on a normal Friday in May.

Given the timescales involved, the Head of Service reported that the Director of Leisure & Community Services had given initial approval to proceed with arrangements. It was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre and agreed to recommend that approval be given to Castlereagh Hills Golf Course being used to host the Mayor's Charity Golf Event on 5 May, 2017.

At the request of Alderman S P Porter, it was agreed to recommend that a letter be sent to the Captain of Lisburn Golf Club, which had hosted the Mayor's Charity Golf Event for the last number of years, extending the Council's thanks for the help and support afforded in the past and explaining that there was a change of venue this year.

Alderman S P Porter left the meeting at this point (7.20 pm).

5.9.2 Lisburn City Swimming Club – Charges Early Morning Lane Hire

Members were advised that Lisburn City Swimming Club had access to all eight lanes at Lagan Valley LeisurePlex (Monday to Saturday) with sessions starting as early as 5.15 am. Members were provided with a copy of the results of a comparison exercise undertaken with a number of neighbouring council areas, although the Head of Service pointed out that, aside from the Aurora, all of the other pools offered six lanes, unlike eight in Lagan Valley LeisurePlex.

The Head of Service reported that, in comparison, Lagan Valley LeisurePlex was significantly cheaper, especially given that, although it was a closed session to the public, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council still had to supply a lifeguard. Lisburn City Swimming Club had been notified a number of months ago that this charge would be reviewed and had further been consulted on the proposed changes (copy of which Members had also been provided with).

The Club had requested that the proposed increase be staggered: September 2017 £50 per day, January 2018 £65 per day and eventually April 2018 £80 per day. When the final proposed price increase was introduced in April 2018, Lagan Valley LeisurePlex would still be the best value per lane of any of the local pools.

It was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre and agreed to recommend that the proposed increase in early morning lane hire be approved, with a staggered introduction up to April 2018, as outlined.

5.9.3 Lough Moss Leisure Centre – New Graphic Design Logo

Members were reminded that, at the Committee meeting held on 7 March, 2017, a number of issues had been raised in relation to the draft logo for Lough Moss Leisure Centre. Members were provided with a further copy of the logo and the Head of Service advised that:

- (i) the logo was designed to depict movement, with the ball as part of a “running man” concept;
- (ii) the logo would be used in conjunction with the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council logo, therefore the link to the Council would be clearly communicated. This was similar to both Lagan Valley LeisurePlex and Dundonald International Ice Bowl and satisfied the corporate brand guidelines; and
- (iii) the addition of text would make the graphic very small and may result in the overall impact being diluted.

In noting the above clarification by the Head of Service, it was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre and agreed to recommend that the graphic design logo for Lough Moss Leisure Centre be approved.

5.9.4 Lough Moss Leisure Centre – Request for Wayleave Over Council Lands

The Head of Service reported receipt of a request from Deramore Developments to install a pipe to take storm/rainwater from its new development adjacent to Lough Moss Leisure Centre into the river that ran alongside the Centre. The initial request had been for a Wayleave across the land but, after consideration involving relevant Council colleagues, it had been suggested to the developer that the drain should be on the outer portion of the land in question, as highlighted in a map which Members were provided with. However, the developer had further suggested an alternative route on the outer portion of the land and Members present at the meeting were provided with a copy of an amended map indicating this route.

It was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre and agreed to recommend that Deramore Developments be granted a Wayleave to install the pipe requested, subject to it being along the outer edge of Council lands at Lough Moss Leisure Centre, as identified in the amended map provided to Members.

5.9.5 Irish Football Association Grassroots & Youth Football Service Level Agreement

Members were provided with a copy of the 2017/18 Grassroots & Youth Football Development Agreement forwarded by the Irish Football Association. The Head of Service having confirmed that this programme was an extension of the existing successful initiative, it was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre and agreed to recommend that the Council once again enter into a partnership for 2017/18 with the Irish Football Association to deliver the Grassroots & Youth Football Programme.

Items for Noting

5.9.6 Sports Services Facilities – Closure Dates 2017/18

Members were provided with a list of closure dates for Sports Services facilities in 2017/18. It was proposed by Councillor H Legge, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that this information be noted.

5.9.7 2016 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Sports Development Unit Annual Report

Members present at the meeting were provided with a copy of the 2016 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Sports Development Unit 2016 Annual Report. It was proposed by Councillor H Legge, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that this report be noted.

5.9.8 Tenpin Bowling Charges – Dundonald International Ice Bowl

Members were advised that the major element of the upgrade of the Bowling Scoring System would be installed and fully operational by 8 April, 2017 and

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would provide elements of added value over and above the existing system, as set out in the Head of Service's report.

Members were provided with a comparison of charges with local competitors and a recommended change to certain charges to reflect the new upgraded system. Given the timescales involved, the Director had approved the new charges. A formal launch of the upgrade would take place when all aspects had been completed.

It was proposed by Councillor H Legge, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the above information be noted.

5.10 Report from the Head of Service (Cultural & Community Services)

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

Items for Decision

5.10.1 2017 Pride of Place Awards

The Museum Curator left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.26 pm).

Members were reminded of the previous recommendation of the Committee, subsequently agreed by Council, to submit nominations for local groups for the 2017 Pride of Place Awards. The nomination process for this year's awards scheme was now open and nominations were being sought under a number of categories, as outlined in the Head of Service's report.

The cost to the Council for each nomination was £500 and additional costs would be incurred for attendance at the awards ceremony, which this year would be hosted at the Mount Errigal Hotel, Donegal.

In line with previous arrangements, it was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre and agreed to recommend that Council nominations be selected by a working group, consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Head of Cultural & Community Services and the Community Support Officer, and that three nominations be agreed for the Council area. It was noted that these would be reported to the Committee at its May meeting, with the closing date for completed nominations being 5 May, 2017.

5.10.2 Lisburn & Castlereagh Armed Forces Covenant

Members were reminded of the Council's decision to develop an Armed Forces Covenant and associated action plan for the Lisburn & Castlereagh area. Responsibility for drafting the covenant and action plan had, as previously agreed by the Committee, been overseen by a working group consisting of The

5.10.2 Lisburn & Castlereagh Armed Forces Covenant (Contd)

Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor T Morrow, and the Armed Forces Champion, Alderman J Tinsley.

The working group had met on 7 March, 2017 to discuss and agree the content of the draft covenant and action plan, copies of which Members had been provided with. It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre and agreed to recommend that the contents of these documents be approved.

It was further agreed to recommend that the 'signing ceremony' for the above event would take place on either 31 May or 1 June, 2017 and would be hosted as a civic event consisting of a special Council meeting at 11.00 am to resolve the signing of the Covenant, the official signing of the Covenant by The Right Worshipful the Mayor and representatives from the Armed Forces, followed by a civic lunch.

Officers were currently working with representatives from the Armed Forces Community to ascertain attendance at the event, agreement to host which had been approved at the February meeting of the Corporate Services Committee.

The Head of Service took note of concerns regarding the availability of Members to attend the civic event, given the time of day at which it was planned to take place, and the Chairman, Councillor T Morrow, asked that Party Group Leaders encourage as many of their Members as possible to attend.

Item for Noting

5.10.3 Risk Register – Cultural & Community Services

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of an updated version of the Risk Register for the Cultural & Community Services Unit, which had been reviewed in February 2017.

Verbal Matters

5.10.4 Community Support Programme

The Head of Service reported receipt of a Letter of Offer from the Department for Communities in relation to funding for the Community Support Programme for the period 1 April to 30 June, 2017. It was agreed to recommend that this Letter of Offer be accepted.

The Director drew Members' attention to the serious difficulties that could arise if funding for the remaining three quarters of the 2017/18 financial year was not forthcoming from the Department to allow the Council to fulfil its commitments.

5.10.5 Grant Schemes Appeals

In response to a query from Councillor N Trimble regarding the procedure for dealing with appeals in relation to grants, the Director stated that revised arrangements had been put in place for the forthcoming year that would address difficulties experienced recently.

6. Confidential Business

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

The matter contained in the confidential report would be dealt with "In Committee" due to containing information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor J Gray, seconded by Councillor S Skillen and agreed that the following matter be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

Item for Noting

6.1 Departmental Absenteeism Report

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of a departmental absenteeism report.

Verbal Matter

6.2 Advertising of Council Posts

In response to a query by Councillor S Skillen regarding posts within the Council being advertised internally, the Director advised that this matter would be best raised at a meeting of the Corporate Services Committee where it could be addressed by the Head of Human Resources and Organisation Development.

In response to a request by Councillor S Skillen, the Director agreed to provide her with a copy of the organisational structure for the Leisure & Community Services Department.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Digital Workshop
Alderman W A Leathem

Alderman W A Leathem advised that he and Councillor J Gray had attended a Digital Workshop in Lisburn Library the previous week. He asked that the Head of Service (Cultural & Community Services) contact the Council's Programmes Officer, who had also been in attendance at the workshop, to get details of the workshop from her.

Alderman Leathem advised that attempts were being made to get schools to work with senior citizens' groups so the children could teach older people IT skills. However, schools were not buying into this, particularly in the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area. At the suggestion of Alderman Leathem, the Head of Service agreed to investigate the possibility of carrying out a pilot project with community groups and youth organisations in the Council area.

7.2 Vacant Schoolhouse in Ravarnet
Councillor J Gray

Councillor J Gray referred to an old schoolhouse in Ravarnet that had been vacant for a number of years. This was in the ownership of the Education Authority but, following closure, was becoming dilapidated. A local community group was interested in taking on the property but a restrictive Covenant existed in regard to the original transfer of the property to the Education Authority's predecessor in title from a local Trust. Most of the trustees from the 1930s were deceased and there was only one surviving trustee who was very elderly and did not wish to have anything to do with the property. Councillor Gray had been advised by the Education Authority that it had contacted the Departmental Solicitor's Office, who in turn had indicated that the matter should be referred to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. She asked if the Council could research how the local community group in Ravarnet could go about acquiring the property. The Director agreed to try to get some advice on what process should be followed in a situation like this.

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman S Martin, advised that there was a mechanism that would allow the subsisting trustee to divest themselves of responsibility by appointing additional trustees and suggested that this course of action could be investigated as an interim measure.

7.3 Celebration of Sports Event NI
The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, commended the above event which had taken place on 31 March, 2017 at Lagan Valley LeisurePlex. This was an initiative by the Department for Communities which made lots of sports and recreational activities available for primary school and lower secondary school pupils.

7.4 Mr Ewan McAteer – British Gymnastics Championships
The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, referred to Ewan McAteer, son of Mr Paul McAteer who was an employee in the Council's Building Control section. Ewan, who was 17 years old, had recently competed against full-time professional gymnasts in the British Gymnastics Championships. Councillor Bloomfield stated that Ewan was the Senior British Champion at the vault and this was an outstanding achievement. The Mayor stated that he had written a letter to Paul to acknowledge his son's achievement.

7.5 Dungoyne Boys Football Club – 40th Anniversary Dinner

The Director reported receipt of an email from Dungoyne Boys Football Club advising that the Club was celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. To mark this occasion, the Club was holding a dinner in the Stormont Hotel at the start of June and had invited the Council to take a table thereat. The Director advised that tickets for the dinner were £40 each and, therefore, a table of 10 would cost £400. It was agreed to recommend, on a proposal by Alderman J Tinsley, that the Council take a table at the dinner and that attendees be left to the discretion of the Chairman, Councillor T Morrow, in consultation with the Director of Leisure & Community Services.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 7.48 pm.

Mayor/Chairman