

ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of the **Resources Committee** of Antrim Borough Council held in The Round Tower Chamber, Antrim Civic Centre on **Thursday 18 March 2010** at **2pm**.

In the Chair : Councillor J Smyth (Chair)

Committee Members Present : Alderman M Rea

Councillors -

T Clarke
H J Cushinan
A A Lawther
P Lewis
M Lucas
D Ritchie

Non-Committee Members Present : Alderman S Dunlop

In Attendance : Director of Corporate Services
Public Relations Manager
Committee Secretary (*K Smyth*)

Apologies : Councillor A K Brady

AGENDA ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION

PROFORMA: No. 2 had been circulated.

Members commended the aims and objectives of Camphill Communities Trust but expressed some concern regarding the total cost of the project to produce promotional literature (£20,603) and queried if a comparative service provision exercise had been undertaken. Further details on the distribution of the literature was also requested.

RECOMMENDED: that, with no particular time limit being apparent, the Director undertook to seek the above additional information from Camphill Communities Trust, the application being deferred to the April Resources Committee Meeting accordingly.

Alderman Rea and Councillor Lewis joined the Meeting at this point.

LETTER: No. 3 had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED: on the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that the 2009 Annual Subscription of £434.75 (inc. VAT) to Friends of the Somme be renewed.

Page 20 of the Minutes of the Public Services Committee Meeting held on 25 February 2010 refers.

NOTED: the Director provided an update on attendance for the 2010 Somme Pilgrimage as requested by Councillor Lucas - namely, that one place had been secured by Council's Somme Representative, Alderman Rea, leaving one place to be filled with receipt of six expressions of interest from Members having previously attended.

**FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE
REQUEST:
CAMPBILL
COMMUNITIES
TRUST
12/25/1**

**FRIENDS OF THE
SOMME:
YEARLY
SUBSCRIPTION
2009
3/32/7**

**2010 SOMME
PILGRIMAGE
3/32/7**

Committee debated the possible reallocation of one place to a member of the community and several proposals were forthcoming.

**2010 SOMME
PILGRIMAGE**
(continued)

Councillor Clarke withdrew his expression of interest in support of Alderman Loughran and this was also endorsed by Councillor Lewis.

RECOMMENDED: on the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Lewis, that the one remaining place on the 2010 Somme Pilgrimage be allocated to Alderman Loughran, who subsequently accepted accordingly.

NOTED: request for the Resources Sub-Committee to consider appropriate criteria/guidance for the possible future allocation of a place on the Somme Pilgrimage to external community organisations (e.g. Royal British Legion). Councillor Cushinan expressed reservations about this proposal.

FINANCE

REPORT: No. 4 had been circulated.

NOTED: that Mrs Sylvia Beacom had been present prior to the start of the Meeting to answer specific payment queries from Members.

**MONTHLY
PAYMENTS
REPORT**
(FIN)

In response to enquiries the Director clarified several payments and confirmed that power washing was part of a report on contracts being presented to the Audit Sub-Committee and also that a comprehensive report on playgrounds was being presented to the Development and Leisure Committee.

The Director also reminded Committee that Members were welcome, at their convenience, to approach officers as necessary to discuss any payment queries in detail.

RECOMMENDED: on the proposal of Councillor Lawther, seconded by Councillor Ritchie, that the Monthly Payments for February 2010 totalling £2,350,778.58p, inclusive of Value Added Tax, be approved.

NOTED: at the request of Councillor Clarke, the Director undertook to prepare a report on secondments within Council.

**SECONDMENTS
WITHIN COUNCIL**

REPORT: No. 5, summarising Council services by expense type and departmental breakdown from April to January 2009-10, reflecting an overall favourable variance of 11%.

**MONTHLY BUDGET
REPORT
(FIN)**

NOTED: Officers were commended for ongoing budget control measures.

HUMAN RESOURCES

NOTED: Report No. 6, as circulated for Members' information, outlining nine externally advertised vacancies during February 2010 and one Internal Trawl (the majority of the vacancies relating to seasonal and summer posts).

**MONTHLY
RECRUITMENT
SCHEDULE
(HR)**

RESOLVED: on the proposal of Councillor Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Cushinan, that the remainder of the Meeting be taken 'In-Confidence'.

ITEMS IN-CONFIDENCE

- Arrangements for Service Delivery within the Former Courthouse.
- Update: McQuillan Envirocare.
- 2010 Antrim Community Excellence Awards.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded at 3.05pm.

Mayor

Chief Executive

Date
