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MINUTES of the Meeting of the Development Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Carrickfergus on **MONDAY**, the **EIGHTH** day of **FEBRUARY** 2010, at the hour of **7.00** o'clock pm, pursuant to the Town Clerk's summons calling the Meeting, the following Members were present:-

Alderman Ashe, Chairman Presiding

Aldermen: M M Beattie D W Hilditch P McKinney
(from 7.06pm) (from 7.07pm)

Councillors: C J Brown T R L Clements I E Day
(from 7.07pm)
S C Dickson D Ferguson J McClure
L McClurg L Marsden J L Neeson

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Beggs and Cosgrove.

The following Officials were in attendance:-

Mr J McCormick Director of Development Services
Mrs R McIlroy Committee Clerk

LEISURE

Report from Development Manager (Leisure)

DS.13/10
(DS.8/10)

Parks, Countryside & Amenities Sub-Committee

Members had been circulated with copy draft minutes of the Parks, Countryside & Amenities Sub-Committee meeting of 8 January 2010 for Members' information. However, these minutes had subsequently been approved by the Sub-Committee and could now be adopted.

Councillor Brown referred Members to Item 6 Skateboard Park and the discussion on which sub-committee was taking this matter forward.

ALDERMAN HILDITCH ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

Following discussion, It was Proposed by Alderman Mrs Beattie, Seconded by Councillor Brown & AGREED to recommend that the minutes be adopted subject to amending the wording from "findings would be brought back to **this** sub-committee" to "findings would be brought back to **that** sub-committee".

ALDERMAN MCKINNEY AND COUNCILLOR DAY ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE.

DS.14/10
(DS.9/10)

Leisure & Sports Development Sub-Committee

Members had been circulated with copy draft minutes of the Leisure & Sports Development Sub-Committee meeting held on 8 January 2010 for Members' information. However, these minutes had subsequently been approved by the Sub-Committee and could now be adopted.

It was Proposed by Alderman Hilditch, Seconded by Councillor D Ferguson & AGREED to recommend adoption of the minutes.

Councillor Brown made reference to item 8 of the minutes – Amphitheatre Income & Usage Update and enquired when all Members would be circulated with income and usage figures.

The Chairman reminded Members that previously the presented figures were not acceptable and Officers were requested to represent them in a different format.

(DS.155/09)

The Director undertook to have the figures supplied to all Members.

DS.15/10
(DS.10/10)

Good Relations Sub-Committee

Members had been furnished with copy minutes of the Good Relations Sub-Committee meeting held on 15 December 2009 for adoption.

It was Proposed by Alderman Mrs Beattie, Seconded by Councillor Neeson & AGREED to recommend adoption of the minutes.

MARKETING

Report from Development Manager (Marketing)

DS.16/10
(DS.157/09)

Arts and Events Sub Committee

Members had been circulated with copy minutes of the Arts and Events Sub-Committee meeting held on 16th November 2009 for adoption.

It was Proposed by Alderman McKinney, Seconded by Alderman Mrs Beattie & AGREED to recommend adoption of the minutes.

DS.17/10 **Maritime Sub Committee**
(CEO.85/09)

Members had been circulated with copy minutes of the Maritime Sub-Committee meeting held on 19th November 2009 for adoption.

It was Proposed by Alderman McKinney, Seconded by Alderman Mrs Beattie & AGREED to recommend adoption of the minutes.

ECONOMIC

Report from Development Manager (Economic)

DS.18/10 **Carrickfergus Masterplan**
(DS.135/09)

The Chairman welcomed Mr James Hennessey from the Paul Hogarth Company and Mr Walter Hutchinson from DSD to the meeting to give a presentation on the Carrickfergus Masterplan.

COUNCILLOR L MCCLURG WITHDREW FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

Mr Hennessey reminded Members that he had met with the Economic Development Sub Committee in December 2009. The Draft Plan had been reviewed taking on board the feedback from the public. Further changes had been on public display with feedback being invited through elected Members. Some of the changes made included removing building development at the Marine Gardens and redesigning of the park, Fisherman's Quay changed from a Marina to a water sports area, providing additional hard standing for boats at the sailing club area and keeping the potential for expansion of the Marina in future years.

Councillor Neeson welcomed the changes which he felt would further enhance the Maritime area and he particularly welcomed the change indicated for the Marine Gardens.

COUNCILLOR L MCCLUG RE-ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

Councillor Brown queried if this was the final draft document and if the Department was in a position to provide adequate support and funding.

Mr Hutchinson advised that the next critical stage was the implementation of the Plan, not just by the Department but along with a number of stakeholders. He felt it was important to form an Implementation Group to take this matter forward.

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The Department was responsible for a number of issues which it could progress subject to adequate funding.

Having recently visited Ballyclare, Councillor Dickson highlighted various improvements being made to footpaths, street lighting etc and was of the view that such work was also required in Carrickfergus. He was concerned that the timescale in finalising and implementing the Plan should not stand in the way of public realm work that the department was responsible for and stressed that the monies for this work should not be lost.

In response to a query from Alderman Hilditch, Mr Hennessey advised that he expected the final Draft Plan to come back to Council in March or April 2010 at the very latest.

Mr Hutchinson advised that he was looking forward to working with Council and other stakeholders to take the Plan forward.

The Chairman thanked the Representatives for their presentation and they withdrew from the meeting at this point.

DS.19/10
(DS.2/10)

Economic Development Sub-Committee

Members had been circulated with copy minutes of the Economic Development Sub-Committee meeting held on 18 December 2009 for adoption.

It was Proposed by Alderman Mrs Beattie, Seconded by Councillor Brown & AGREED to recommend adoption of the minutes.

DS.20/10
(DS.3/10)

CAN Peace III Partnership

Members had been furnished with and noted copy minutes of the meeting of the CAN Peace III Partnership of 15 December 2009.

DS.21/10
(DS.150/09)

Can Peace III Joint Committee

Members had been circulated with and noted copy minutes of the meeting of the CAN Peace III Joint Committee of 1 December 2009.

DS.22/10
(DS.20/10)

Can Peace III Partnership AGM

Members had been circulated with and noted copy minutes of the meeting of the CAN Peace III Partnership AGM of 15 December 2009.

DS.23/10
(DS.4/10)

Grow Rural Development Partnership and Joint Committee

Members had been circulated with and noted copy minutes of the GROW Rural Development Partnership and Joint Committee meeting of 11 December 2009.

DS.24/10
(DS.6/10)

Carrickfergus Development Company

Members had been circulated with copy minutes of the Carrickfergus Development Company meeting of 15 December 2009 for noting.

Noted.

DS.25/10
(DS.7/10)

Carrickfergus District Policing Partnership

Members had been circulated with copy minutes of the business meeting of Carrickfergus District Policing Partnership held on 23 November 2009 for noting.

Noted.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 7.26 pm, when those Members present were as listed on page 1.