

**Parks and Leisure Committee**  
**Thursday, 13th June, 2013**

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On a vote by show of hands eight Members voted for the proposal and five against and it was declared carried.

**Dr. Malcolm Brodie**

The Director reported that the Department had received two letters requesting that consideration be given to naming the Photo Finish and Public Address Booth in the new stand at the Mary Peters Track in honour of the former sports editor of the Belfast Telegraph, Dr. Malcolm Brodie, M.B.E., who had died in January, 2013. The Director provided an overview of the distinguished career of Dr. Brodie together with an outline of the honours which he had received, including a doctorate from the University of Ulster; induction into the Belfast Sports Hall of Fame and an M.B.E. for services to journalism in 1979. In addition, Dr. Brodie had served as the Vice President of the Mary Peters Trust.

The Director reminded the Committee that, in August, 2008, it had adopted a policy to oversee the naming of parks and leisure facilities within the City. He pointed out that the policy did not apply to the naming of parts of parks, buildings or facilities and, accordingly, given the significant contribution which Dr. Brodie had made to the City throughout his career, he suggested that the Committee might wish to exercise its discretion in considering the request.

After discussion the Committee agreed that, subject to the granting of permission by the Brodie family, the Photo Finish and Public Address Booth in the Mary Peters Track be named in honour of Dr Malcolm Brodie M.B.E.

**Ligoniel Park – Creation of Path**

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

**“1. Relevant Background Information**

The Committee is reminded that at its meeting in September 2011 and subsequently at Strategic Policy & Resources Committee in December 2012 of funding to promote access and recreation within the Belfast Hills. Work in relation to this has already started on Cave Hill Country Park (CHCP) with path improvements being made.

Work is due to start in Ligoniel Park to improve the path network and to try to create a walking route linking Ligoniel Dams, Ligoniel Park and CHCP. In order to create this link it is necessary to cross a section of path owned by Northern Ireland Water. It is therefore proposed to enter into a public path creation agreement with NI Water, under the Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983.

2. Key Issues

The key issues for the committee to note are:

1. Once an agreement has been made the Council has a duty to carry out whatever works are needed to bring the path into a fit state for use and thereafter to maintain the path in that state.
2. The agreement shall have effect for a period of 10 years and thereafter until determined by either party giving notice to the other.
3. The Council is responsible for the maintenance of the path.
4. Any member of the public shall have the right to walk along the path for the purpose of open air recreation.
5. The public path is for pedestrian access only.
6. There will be 2 public access points onto the path, ie stiles, for which the Council is also responsible.
7. The Council shall indemnify NI Water against any public liability.

3. Resource Implications

Financial

This scheme is externally funded and is subject to the receipt of grant funding. It is anticipated that the maintenance liability will be minimal and the path will be included as part of the on-going inspection regime. The budget for maintaining the area exists within the current revenue estimates.

Human Resources

There are no additional human resource implications other than officer time.

Asset and other implications

A pedestrian pathway approx 90 m (length) by 4 m (width) will be maintainable and kept in a fit state of repair by the Council and the Council shall also indemnify NI Water against any claims on the pathway.

4. Equality Implications

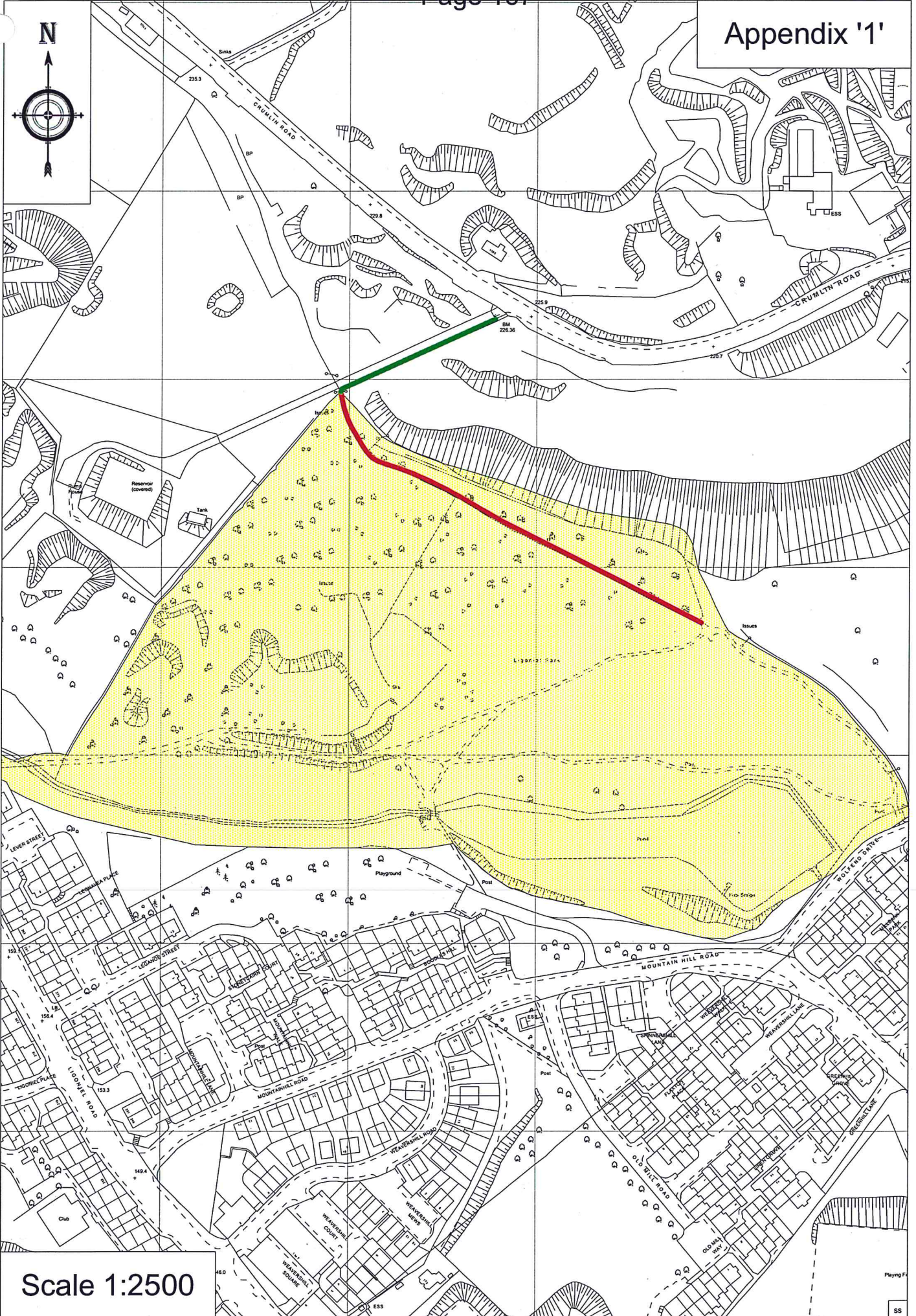
There are no equality or good relations implications anticipated.

5. **Recommendation**

**It is recommended that the Council enter into a public path creation agreement with NI Water for a period of 10 years."**

After discussion the Committee adopted the recommendation, subject to information being provided to residents living in the vicinity of the proposed path.

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