



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Drive in Old Time Gospel Rally at Boucher Road Playing Fields
Date:	11 November 2010
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Stephen Stockman, Area Manager (South/West)

Purpose

To seek Committee approval for a 'Drive in Old Time Gospel Rally', at Boucher Road Playing Fields from 19 – 24 June 2011. This is a 6 day event from Sunday-Friday and Monday- Friday 8.00pm - 9.00pm and Sunday 8.30pm - 9.30pm.

Relevant Background Information

The proposed event is being organised by the William Tyndale Memorial Free Presbyterian Church, Donegal Avenue, Belfast. The event was successfully conducted in June 2010 and has been planned to take place as an extension of an ongoing outreach programme within the surrounding area of the church located on Donegal Avenue.

A 'drive in' style rally has been chosen as a cost effective way of communicating in an informal relaxed environment without the need for expensive accommodation and facilities off site.

The location is regarded as being convenient for residents of the local area and other church friends from neighbouring areas to attend.

Key Issues

As with all such events, health and safety issues with regard to the holding of the events will be addressed in the event management plan by the organisers and to the satisfaction of council officers.

Other parts of the site are used in the summer for hurling and Gaelic football. It is not proposed to cancel any Gaelic games to accommodate this event. Users will be advised of the event. Hurling will be moved from the nearby pitch to elsewhere in the site to reduce the risk of balls reaching the car park area.

Resource Implications

<u>Financial</u>

It is proposed to charge the organisers £40 each evening.

<u>Human Resources</u>

There will be no human resource implications as the event will be stewarded by Church Members.
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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee grant authority for the 'Drive in Old Time Gospel Rally' at Boucher Road from 19 – 24 June 2011 subject to satisfactory terms being agreed with the Director of Parks and Leisure and on the condition that :
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the event organisers resolve all operational issue to the council's satisfaction;(ii) an appropriate legal agreement, to be prepared by the Director of Legal Services, is completed; and(iii) the event organisers meet all statutory requirements including entertainment licensing. |
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Decision Tracking

Responsible officer: Area Manager (South/West). Actions to be completed by the end of June 2010.
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Key to abbreviations

None.

Documents Attached

None.
