



Belfast City Council

Report to: Parks and Leisure Committee

Subject: **Request for use of Andersonstown Leisure Centre -
by Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society**

Date: 15 March 2012

Reporting Officer: Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure

Contact Officer: Katrina Morgan, Leisure Operations Manager

1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>A facility usage request has been made by the Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society for Andersonstown Leisure Centre for Easter Sunday 2012.</p> <p>Gort Na Mona has stated that they are a group based in the Upper Springfield area which research and tell of the history of the area and the people who reside there.</p> <p>Prior to this application two events have been held at Andersonstown Leisure Centre in 2010 and 2011 and previous to that the event has been held at Whiterock Leisure Centre without incident and no complaints were received at the centres.</p>

2	Key Issues
	<p>The application is for the use of the main hall (event time 7pm -12 midnight) and surrounding rooms at Andersonstown Leisure Centre on Easter Sunday 08 April 2012 inclusive of set up, site clearance and clean up on Wednesday 11 April 2012.</p> <p>The facility request is for an Irish folk music evening including music by the Wolftones. Bar facilities would also be required.</p> <p>The organiser has undertaken to provide the following information in support of the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a formal letter of application;• safety statement;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • risk assessments; • public liability insurance; • occasional licence; and • list of security staff and registration numbers
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3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> The fee charged to Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society would be in line with council's charging policy and would include staff costs for out of hours use.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other implications</u> Council officers will liaise with organisers in relation to the potential environmental impact of this event.</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
	<p>The booking for this event is in line with the department's event policy There are no equality and good relations implications relating to the event which will be open to the public.</p>

5	Recommendations
	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) consider the application and approve it subject to the provision of the requisite information listed above; and (ii) agree that the request to have bar facilities at the event.

6	Decision Tracking
	<p>Leisure Operations Manager to inform event organisers of the committee's decision.</p>

7	Key to Abbreviations
	<p>None.</p>

8	Documents Attached
	<p>None.</p>