

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH  
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**

**1 MARCH 2011**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.00 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

**In the Chair:** Councillor Carten

Aldermen M Coyle, G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors P Butcher, A Brolly, B Chivers, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, B Douglas, G Mullan, J F McElhinney, C Ó hOisín, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Director of Support Services, Director of Development and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - None.

**CLUSTER COLLABORATION:**

Mr McMaw gave an overview of events which lead to the collaboration agenda, included agreement by the CC&G Transition Committee in September 2010 for a joint collaborative workshop; workshop held in November identified cluster collaborative opportunities; agreement and consideration of a report by the Transition Committee in December on a way forward and endorsement of a year 1 plan on efficiency and improvement in January 2011.

The year 1 draft Cluster Efficiency/Improvement Plan highlighted a proposed range of target areas for potential efficiency savings. These included general procurement, insurance, maintenance, general advertising, vehicle fleet maintenance and motor fuel. Areas for improvement within the plan included policy co-ordination, sharing of resources, combined staff training and equipment loan arrangements. It was noted that total potential savings in year 1 were gauged at £115 - £168k.

Mr McMaw answered a number of questions put to him by members and although scepticism was expressed at the plan in light of RPA, Mr McMaw said this was a leap of faith and efficiencies would become transparent relatively quickly.

The Chair thanked Mr McMaw for the presentation.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting held 1 February 2011 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor McElhinney.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Electric Cables from Substation at Drumcatt Square:** The Chief Executive informed members that he had no further update from NIE on new electric cables from the substation in Drumcatt Square.

Alderman Robinson entered the chamber at 8.50 pm.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – MARCH 2011:**

The Chief Executive presented his report for March 2011. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor McElhinney subject to the following:

**RPA Update:** The Chief Executive circulated copy of minutes from Transition Committee meeting held 9 December 2010. Following on from the presentation given earlier in the meeting by Mr McMaw, members adopted the Year 1 Cluster Improvement Plan.

**Meeting Schedule over the Election Period:** The revised schedule for meeting of Council in the run up to the elections was approved as follows:

- ◆ Last meeting before the election – Support Services & Monthly meeting to be held on 5 April 2011
- ◆ Following the elections of 5 May 2011 - the AGM would be held on 23 May 2011.
- ◆ Following this, the normal meetings schedule would resume on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.
- ◆ If required the Mayor may call a Special Meeting of Council outside of these dates.

**WWW Earth Hour Initiative:** Council endorsed the www Earth Hour Initiative whereby lights would be turned off for one hour on 26 March between 8.30 and 9.30 pm.

**NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY - Councillor Brolly, Councillor Ó hOisín, Councillor Butcher and Councillor Chivers:**

‘That this Council rescinds the proposal adopted at the Environmental Services meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in relation to the erection of bi-lingual street names requested by the majority of respondents in the following areas of Dungiven:

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| - Pellipar Park | - Tracey's Way |
| - Lackagh Park  | - Chapel Road  |

The proposal on the above date was carried and is incompatible with street-naming legislation and in particular the European Charter on minority and regional languages, and with Council policy. The Council should go ahead and erect the signs in accordance with the law and policy on this regard and on foot of the results of the surveys conducted with the residents in the above named areas.’

In proposing the motion, Councillor Brolly indicated that the motion was self explanatory and that there was nothing to be added at this point by Sinn Féin members. Councillor Ó hOisín seconded the proposal.

In the discussion which ensued, the following points were made:

- The decision to refuse the request for bilingual name signs the previous month had been based on savings to the ratepayer.
- A member was of the opinion that Unionist members had seized the opportunity to refuse the request the previous month as they had a majority of seats in the chamber.
- It was suggested that the Bi-lingual Street Naming Policy be reviewed as parts of the policy were misleading.
- A member requested that the cost for the street name plates be made known to Council.

In summing up, Councillor Brolly asked for members not to break the law and adhere to Council Bi-lingual Street Naming Policy by supporting the motion.

The motion was put to the meeting and declared carried, 9 for and 6 against. A member who queried if the vote was recorded was advised that a recorded vote should have been requested before any vote was taken. Noted.

**EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:** - None.

**CONSULTATIONS:** - Noted.

**COURSES/CONFERENCES:** - None.

**SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:**

It was agreed that the lease agreement between Limavady Borough Council and Magilligan Community Play Group would be signed and sealed.

**FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Rural Matters – Housing Executive Newsletter January 2011
- HSC Public Health Agency – Director of Public Health Annual Report 2010
- OFMDFM – Annual Report on Public Bodies and Public Appointments 2009/10 [www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/public-appointments](http://www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/public-appointments)
- The Consumer Council – Left high and dry. A Consumer Council report on consumers' stories and experiences of the water crisis
- NI State of the Seas Report
- The Big Society: helping communities take action
- Odyssey Trust – 2010 Annual Review
- Northern Ireland Housing Council – Members Report to Local Councils October 2010 to January 2011
- Oaklee Homes Group – Annual Report 1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010
- Waste Watch – Winter 2010/11
- Clanmil Housing – Clanmil Communique Winter 2010/11
- Steps – Issue 2, From Prison to Peace

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Dungiven Recycling Centre:** A discussion took place around the cost for the Site Supervisor at the Recycling Centre in Dungiven and it was suggested that Council staff should have been consulted on whether this role could have been carried out internally. It was agreed that the Director Environmental Services would update members on revised costs and role associated with the position of Site Supervisor.

**French Visit:** A member was advised to raise payment for Twinning Committee meals during the French visit at the March 2011 Development Services meeting.

**Change Manage Officer: IN COMMITTEE:** Councillor Mullan proposed, seconded by Councillor Butcher that Council agreed to joint fund the Change Manage Officer post for the Causeway Cluster for 1 year at a cost of £8k. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

**NEXT MEETING:** - 5 April 2011.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 10.00 PM**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Meeting