

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

**1 JUNE 2010**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 9.30 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

**In the Chair:** Councillor Carten

Aldermen M Coyle, J Rankin and Alderman Robinson. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, 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 and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - None

**MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 4 MAY 2010:**

The minutes of meeting held 4 May 2010 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor McElhinney.

**MATTERS ARISING:** - None.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – JUNE 2010:**

**RPA Update:** The Chief Executive tabled a letter from Minister Poots which outlined that the Executive was facing a difficult financial future and would have to make cuts of £1 billion pounds over the next 5 years. Consequently, it was not be in a position to fund local government reform and asked if councils would fund the full up front cost of implementation of the programme, which PWC calculated at £118 million.

Members discussed funding of the programme and implementation to Council and to the ratepayer. It was agreed that Alderman Coyle, Alderman Rankin and the Chief Executive would attend the NILGA meeting to discuss Minister Poots letter on Friday 4 June 2010. Councillor Stevenson proposed, seconded by Alderman Rankin that those attending the meeting would put forward a corporate view 'to instruct the Minister that under no circumstances would Council accept these charges.' Councillor Butcher indicated Sinn Féin would respond as a party to the letter.

**ASPE Membership:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Coyle that Council would not renew its membership with ASPE.

**Book Launch:** The Chief Executive reminded members that Council had agreed to support the production of the book ‘An Illustrated History of Limavady (Léim an Mhadaidh) and the Roe Valley’ by Dougie Bartlett and to purchase books to utilise as Corporate gifts, with Council’s logo to be included on the book. It was agreed to purchase a batch of 100 books for issue as Corporate gifts and for selling through the Tourist Information Centre. It was suggested that the Corporate Gift Sub Committee should be used for decision on items to be purchased as corporate gifts.

**Corporate Plan 2011 – 2015:** It was agreed that pending agreement on RPA, that a consultation workshop with members would be held towards the end of June 2010 to discuss the Corporate Plan for 2011 – 2015.

#### **EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:**

- WH&SC Trust – 4 February and 4 March 2010
- Northern Group Building Control Committee – 25 February and 19 March 10

#### **RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL:**

The following resolution submitted by Strabane District Council was noted:

In these times of economic downturn, Council is keen to give any permissible support to the local economy and to maximise the community benefits which could be realised from public procurement. One very practical means to realise social and economic benefits is through the introduction of Community Benefit Clauses in Council contracts.

Under current legislation however, Councils in Northern Ireland are prohibited from considering ‘non commercial’ matters in the award of their contracts. Council noted however with interest that Councils in England do not have the same prohibitions applied to their procurement processes, as they have implemented the required amendments to legislation.

Council therefore urges you to make an order under the Local Government (Best Value) Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 to provide that certain workforce matters cease to be ‘non commercial’ considerations for the purpose of s19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

As this issue is of relevancy to all Councils in Northern Ireland, Council also sought the support of NILGA in this matter and has forwarded a copy of this letter to all Councils.

#### **CONSULTATIONS:**

Members reviewed the following consultation documents and the responses were noted as followed:

- Roads Service – Proposals for a Roads (Functions of District Councils) Bill: Submission by 23 July 2010. *No response.*
- Labour Relations Agency – Draft Code of Practice on Time Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities: Submission by 6 August 2010. *No response.*

#### **COURSES/CONFERENCES:**

It was agreed that the following members/officers would attend the conferences listed:

- Two officers to attend the Institute of Revenues, Rating, & Valuation in Northern Ireland and the Chief Executives Forum Conference ‘Meeting the Challenges’ to be held in Belfast City Hall on 3 June 2010 at a cost of £40 + VAT.

**SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:** - None

#### **FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Roads Service Spring 2010 Newsletter – On the Move
- Consumer Focus Post – Post Office, Outreach or out of reach?
- Social Enterprise – Town Hall Revolutions
- Oaklee Homes Group – The first 30 years
- DSD – Tackling Fuel Poverty, the Inter Departmental Groups Fourth Annual Report 2009
- MS Northern Ireland April 2010 – For People Living with MS
- The Local Government Staff Commission for NI – Achieving Excellence Through People
- NI Water – Weatherline April 2010 Issue 68
- Northern Ireland Housing Council – Business Report to Local Councils
- Queens University Belfast – Vice Chancellors Report 2008/09

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- It was agreed that Heather McSparran, Development Planning Manager would verbally update Council on progress to the draft Northern Area Plan at the Planning & Services meeting to be held 15 June 2010.
- As this was the last meeting being chaired by the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Ó hOisín thanked members for their support during his year in office.

**NEXT MEETING:** - 3 August 2010.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 10.15 pm)**

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