

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
1 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.35 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor Ó hOisín.

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor A Robinson.

PRESENTATION REGARDING SCROGGY ROAD PLAYING FIELDS:

The Chair welcomed Mr Gary Faulkner and Mr Steven Keown, spokespersons for local sporting clubs to the meeting.

Mr Faulkner referred to the decision by Council to proceed with option 5 as preferred option for application to Sports Northern Ireland for funding towards upgrade of Scroggy Road pitches. He said following consultation with local rugby, soccer and gaelic clubs, a further option 6, not outlined within the business case had been put forward by the clubs as a compromise to facilitate the three sporting groups. He added that option 6 included the provision of a grass soccer pitch 95m x 64m and 3G surface of 90m x 115m (or as big as the area permitted) which could be used for gaelic training or by rugby clubs.

Members commended the sporting organisations for getting together to discuss options for the pitches at Scroggy Road and for highlighting to Council that a further option should be considered.

In the discussion which followed a number of points were made on the initial consultation with sporting groups and to the options set out within the business case. Councillor Ó hOisín proposed, seconded by Alderman Coyle that further discussion take place with the consultants on the additional option put forward by the clubs and that this be included within a revised business case. The Director of Development was given approval to extend the work of the consultants at an approximate cost of £2,500, plus additional architects' fees.

Members were advised that Sport Northern Ireland had been informed of Councils' decision in August 2009 to proceed with option 5. They were also advised that if Council decided on a different option that the original decision on option 5 would have to be rescinded at a future meeting.

Mr Faulkner and Mr Keown left the meeting at 8.30 pm.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 4 August 2009 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

MATTERS ARISING:

Review of Standing Orders: The Chief Executive reminded members that Council still had to complete its review of Standing Orders. He tabled proposed changes to Standing Orders and suggested that the proposals be discussed at a workshop to be held Tuesday 15 September 2009 at 6 pm. Agreed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2009:

RPA Update: The Chief Executive updated members on RPA progress. He tabled to members a report on the Key Outcomes from the Strategic Leadership Board meeting held 14 August 2009 and highlighted the salient points within. Noted.

Lone Working & Personal Safety Policy and Procedure: The Lone Working and Personal Safety Policy and Procedure was approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Butcher.

North West Cluster Rural Development Programme: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Coyle that the draft agreement of Councils forming the Joint Committee of the North West Cluster Rural Development Programme be approved.

Presentation to Council: It was agreed that a small delegation of landowners would present to Council their views on proposed by-pass at Ballykelly at the Development Committee on 8 September 2009.

EXTERNAL MINUTES – NOTED:

- Report of Western Group Environmental Health Committee – 9 June 2009

CONSULTATIONS:

It was agreed that the Corporate Policy Officer would respond on Council's behalf to the following consultation documents:

- ◆ DSD – “Join In, Get Involved: Build a Better Future”: Submission by 9 October 2009
- ◆ Department of Finance & Personnel – Draft Spending Priorities for the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Scheme in NI: Submission by 29 October 2009
- ◆ DETI – Social Economy Enterprise Strategy 2009-2011: Submission by 9 October 2009
- ◆ Department of Education – Review of Special Educational Needs and Inclusion: Submission by 31 October 2009
- ◆ DETI – Bioenergy Action Plan 2009-2014: Submission by 30 October 2009
- ◆ Department of Employment and Learning – Industrial Tribunal Claims and the Public Interest Disclosure (NI) Order: Submission by 13 November 2009
- ◆ Land & Property Services – Electronic Land Registration: Submission by 30 October 2009.

RESOLUTION FROM ARDS BOROUGH COUNCIL:

The following resolution submitted by Ards Borough Council was noted.

“At a recent meeting of Council, it was resolved to write to the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the First Minister and the Chief Constable of the PSNI expressing grave concern over the 50:50 practice of recruiting to the PSNI and the reduction of the full time reserve and seeking support in the call for full time reserve officers’ contracts to be extended to ensure proper policing throughout all communities.”

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

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

- Alderman Coyle to attend the NAC Conference to be held 25 & 26 September 2009 in Lamon Hotel, Belfast. Fee £190 + accommodation costs.
- Alderman Coyle to attend the launch of Disability in Local Councils Initiative to be held 8 September 2009 in the Ramada Encore Hotel, Belfast.
- Officer to attend the Society of Personnel Directors Annual Conference to be held 4 – 6 November 2009 in Old Course Hotel, St Andrews. Fee £400 + flight & accommodation costs.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

The legal document on transfer of land owned by Limavady Borough Council at Dungiven Health Centre to WHSCT was signed and sealed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín that a Civic Reception be held for St Canice’s GAC – Derry Minor Champions 2009. A member requested details on how much Civic Receptions had cost the previous year and reiterated that several receptions should be held together.
- A member requested that the Massey Statue be cleaned.
- Council reaffirmed its decision that no further work would be carried out at the pitches at the Vale Centre until the Maintenance Agreement had been signed by members of Vale Centre Board.
- A member objected to the decision to convert Limavady Courthouse to a Hearing Centre and to the change in opening hours to Wednesdays from 9.30 to 4.30 pm. It was agreed that a letter of objection would be forwarded to the Northern Ireland Court Service.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE: - None.

NEXT MEETING: - 6 October 2009.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.15 pm)**

Signed: _____

Chair of Meeting