

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

1 NOVEMBER 2004

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.30 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Present: Aldermen J Dolan and M Carten. Councillors A Brolly, B Brown, B Chivers, M Coyle, L Cubitt, M Donaghy (in the chair), B Douglas, D Lowry, G Mullan and J Rankin.

In Attendance: Personal Assistant, Senior Technical Services & Waste Management Officer, Chief Environmental Health Officer and the Town Clerk.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor E Stevenson, Councillor McGuigan and the Chief Technical Services Officer.

TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS – CONNELL STREET CAR PARK:

The Chair welcomed Mr M White, Department of Social Development and Mr J McCloskey, MWA Partnership who attended the meeting to advise members of the proposed environmental improvements in the vicinity of the Council, Lidl and Connell Street car parks. Mr White reported that an application for planning permission had been submitted for the works, which were expected to commence in January 2005 and be completed by March 2005 at a cost of the Department of approximately £200,000. Mr McCloskey added that whilst there was an overall reduction of 7 car parking spaces, 1 extra disabled parking space had been incorporated in the scheme, along with the relocation of several of the Pay & Display machines.

Members welcomed this scheme and Mr White & Mr McCloskey answered a number of queries thereon. The need for similar schemes at the by-pass exit at Limavady Bus Station and Linenhall Street was also highlighted.

CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER:

The Chief Environmental Health Officer presented his report and enlarged thereon. The report was adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Rankin, subject to the following:

Limavady Home Accident Prevention (HAP) Group: The Chief Environmental Health Officer updated members on the work of the Home Accident Prevention Group and urged members to attend the next meeting of the Group to be held on 4 November 2004 at 3 pm in the Council Offices.

Similarly, Councillor Mullan reported that he had recently attended the Northern Ireland Road Safety Annual Congress and encouraged members to attend the Limavady Road Safety Committee meetings.

Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 – Council v Edgar Glasgow: The Chief Environmental Health Officer advised that the above case had been heard at Limavady Magistrates Court on 15 September 2004 and had subsequently been withdrawn by Council as the Resident Magistrate Mr McNally indicated that he did not consider that the matter should have been before the criminal court. The Chief Environmental Health Officer added that in the unlikely event of a similar situation arising in the future Council's solicitor would ensure that the Magistrate is made fully aware of Council's position in relation to such cases and would remind him of Council's statutory obligations in this matter.

Members expressed their disappointment at the apparent unwillingness of the Magistrate to issue a decision on a case which had been properly brought before the court.

CHIEF TECHNICAL SERVICES OFFICER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER:

The Senior Technical & Waste Management Officer presented his report and enlarged thereon. The report was adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Lowry, seconded by Councillor Coyle subject to the following:

Operational Services Reviews: The Senior Technical & Waste Management Officer reported that tenders for the above contract were due for return on 29 October 2004 and it was agreed that officers be authorised to accept the tender most advantageous to Council.

North West Region Waste Management Group: It was agreed that the agreement formalising the formation of a Joint Committee for the purpose of implementing the policies and actions set out in the Waste Management Plan be signed and sealed by Council.

Dry Recyclables Contract: It was agreed that the agreement between the North West Region Waste Management Group and Glassdon be signed and sealed by Council.

Multi-Function Cultural Community Resource Centre: The Senior Technical & Waste Management Officer submitted the tender report for the Enabling Works Contract for the above project and it was agreed that the contract be awarded to F McParland & Co Ltd in the sum of £98,444, which included provisional sums of £11,500.

Roe Valley Leisure Centre: Councillor Rankin requested that consideration be given to removing the carpet at the entrance to Roe Valley Leisure Centre.

Proposed Playground at Blackburn Park, Limavady: The Senior Technical & Waste Management Officer reported that tenders for the above contract were currently being analysed and it was agreed that officers be authorised to accept the tender most advantageous to Council.

Proposed Glass & Dishwasher for Upstairs Kitchen, Council Offices: The Senior Technical & Waste Management Officer provided a summary of the quotations received for the provision of a glass and dishwasher for the Council Offices and it was agreed to accept the tender from CEE Group in the sum of £1,400 plus VAT.

Foyle Regional Energy Agency: The Senior Technical & Waste Management Officer provided background information on the FREA and advised members that the contracts to all Energy Efficiency Advice Centres would cease on 1 April 2005. Accordingly, it was agreed that Council submit a letter of support for the common bid by Belfast Energy Advice Centre, Western Regional Energy Agency & Network and the Foyle Regional Energy Agency (BWF consortium).

Arc 21 Study Trip: The Senior Technical & Waste Management Officer delivered a short presentation on the facilities visited, organisation of contracts and technical solutions adopted in Netherlands with regard to waste management.

Football Pitch at Burnfoot: At the request of Councillor Douglas, the Senior Technical & Waste Management Officer undertook to provide costings for the upgrade of drainage of the football pitch in Burnfoot.

BUILDING REGULATIONS APPLICATIONS (schedule enclosed):

The District Chief Building Control Officer's report detailing applications approved, acknowledged and issued between 4 October 2004 and 26 October 2004 was tabled and noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Local Government Staff Commission – Effective Meetings Training: The Town Clerk referred to discussions at the Monthly Meeting of Council on 27 October 2004 when it had been agreed to proceed with the above training and it was agreed that this be held on Tuesday 9 November 2004, 6 pm to 9 pm in the Council Offices.

NEXT MEETING:

6 December 2004

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS

(The meeting ended at 10.15 pm)