

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

**02 MARCH 2010**

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

**PRESENT:**

**In the Chair:** Councillor Ó hOisín.

Aldermen M Coyle, J Rankin and Alderman 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, Director of Support Services and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - Councillor Robinson.

**MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 2 FEBRUARY 2010:**

The minutes of meeting held 2 February 2010 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

**Page 2 – Civic Centre Name:** Members acknowledged that the discussion on the name for the Civic Centre had been difficult to follow, with a number of proposals and suggestions being made, which resulted in various interpretations on what had actually been voted on. A number of points were clarified through Standing Orders and after discussion the following amendments were agreed:

- Move paragraph 3 to paragraph 2 and insert the following: ‘Alderman Rankin proposed that the name for the Civic Centre be Roe Valley Arts & Culture Centre.’
- Paragraph 8 – insert ‘Councillor Ó hOisín put the proposal for the name of the Civic Centre to be Roe Valley Arts & Culture Centre to the meeting.’

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Civic Centre Name:** Members discussed a suggestion made at the previous meeting that the name for the Civic Centre should be bilingual. A proposal on the issue was withdrawn with the intention of bringing it forward by way of a Notice of Motion to a future meeting.

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

**Loan Sanctions:** It was agreed that loan sanction approval would be sought for the following:

- upgrade of toilet facilities in Dungiven Sports Pavilion - £200,000 and
- purchase of standby portable generator - £58,380.

**RPA Update:** The Chief Executive outlined that on 23 February 2010 a key piece of legislation had been passed by the Assembly. He said the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill had 27 clauses in 3 parts including the following main issues:

- powers to enter contracts
- controls of disposals and contracts on existing lands
- establishment of Statutory Transition Committee
- severance payment to elected members

It was noted that there was no further development on other legislation for RPA and no Executive agreement to the Boundary Commissioner's report at this stage.

Members were tabled with communiqué arising from meeting held on 27 January 2010 of the Local Government Reform Joint Forum and of meeting of Transition Committee held 28 January. Members expressed disillusion at the RPA process.

**Lough Foyle Car Ferry:** The Chief Executive informed members that correspondence had been received stating that no funding was forthcoming from the Irish Government or from the Assembly to provide financial support for the cost of running the ferry service. He said Council was still awaiting the outcome from application for funding under the Interreg programme. It was also pointed out by an elected member that the minute did not specify that the funding from Council was for 1 year.

**Request to Purchase Land:** The request from the owners of a property at 710 Seacoast Road to purchase a piece of land from Council at Seacoast Road, Benone was refused on the grounds that it would cut off access to land in Council ownership to the west of the property.

**EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:**

Northern Group Building Control Committee – 24 September 2009

**CONSULTATIONS:**

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

- Department of the Environment (Road Safety Policy Branch) – proposals for implementing the 3<sup>rd</sup> EC Directive on Driving Licences: *Caution was voiced at the introduction of a formal test or training programme for car and light van driving wishing to tow a medium sized trailer. For example farmers towing trailers with cattle. Deadline 30 April 2010.*

- Public Prosecution Service – Draft Public Prosecution Service Road Traffic Policy: *Bearing in mind that so many people drink & drive Council was in favour of changing the law. Deadline 30 April 2010.*
- NI Assembly Committee for Regional Development – Draft Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill: *It was felt that this would have implications for Council if improvement to minor roads became Councils responsibility. Deadline 8 March 2010.*

**COURSES/CONFERENCES:** -None.

**SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:**

**Lease of Formal Gardens – Dungiven Castle:** The legal agreement between Limavady Borough Council and Dungiven Castle Ltd for lease of formal gardens was signed and sealed.

**FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The William Keown Trust Newsletter, December 2009
- Western Education & Library Board – Annual Report & Accounts 2008/09
- Northern Ireland Policing Board – 5<sup>th</sup> Human Rights Annual Report  
Monitoring the Compliance of the PSNI with the Human Rights Act 1998
- DSD – Hitting the Housing Challenge Head On
- Northern Ireland Water – Staff Magazine of NI Water January 2010
- Contingency Today - CT Review – Jan/Feb 2010.
- Consultation Document – EQIA on Display of Flags and Emblems Larne Borough Council

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Notice of Motion:** A member indicated that a notice of motion would be submitted for the Civic Centre to be named bilingually. The Chief Executive was advised to contact the Equality Commission on this matter.

**Allegation Noted:** A member requested that it be noted in the minutes that during the course of the meeting it had been alleged that an officer had been off work for three months because of harassment by a SF member. The CE explained that he had no knowledge of the allegation and that if an officer had made a complaint, it would be investigated. Noted.

**Meeting with the Minister for Agriculture:** Members were advised that Michelle Gildernew, Minister of Agriculture & Rural Development would be available to meet a deputation of Councillors on 24 March 2010 to discuss offshore nets in Lough Foyle. Meeting would possibly be at the Loughs Agency.

**Road Works:** Concern was voiced at the amount of road works in the Borough. All 3 routes to Coleraine had road works taking place at the same time and that many roads were not returned to a suitable standard. Council voiced appreciation that finance had been available to upgrade the sewers and water mains. It was agreed that issues relating to road works would be raised with Roads Service during their spring consultation with Council in May. In the interim the Chief Executive would consult Roads Service on what their strategy for times and dates for multiple roads work in the area.

**Retrospective Approval for the Relocation of Approved Weighbridge:** A letter was tabled to members from Planning Service, Special Studies Unit which sought comment from Council by 16 March 2010 on retrospective approval for the relocation of approved weighbridge on lands south of 49 Tully Road, Tully and Moneyrannel, Ballykelly. Noted.

**Project Update – Proposed Extension to Altahullion Wind Farm:** It was noted that as a result of new information, the planning application for extension to Altahullion Wind Farm had been reduced from 15 to 12 turbines. Noted.

**Antisocial Behaviour – Wisners Lane:** A member outlined that anti-social behaviour was still taking place at Wisners Lane and requested that a suitable gate be erected as soon as possible to stop treks entering the grounds. Agreed.

**NEXT MEETING:** - 8 April 2010.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.50 PM**

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