

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
2 JUNE 2009**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.55 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor Ó hOisín.

Aldermen M Coyle, J Rankin and G Robinson. Councillors P Butcher, M Carten, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, G Mullan, A Robinson, and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - Councillors A Brolly, J F McElhinney and B Douglas.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 5 May 2009 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Carten.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – JUNE 2009:

RPA Update:

- **Draft Responses to Consultations:** Members approved the draft responses to the consultation documents 'The Local Government Reform – Establishment of Transition Committees in Statute' and 'Severance Arrangements for Councillors' for submission by 3 June 2009.
- **Voluntary Transition Committee:** The Chief Executive tabled for information minutes of the Voluntary Transition Committee meeting held 26 March 2009. He said that a workshop had been held on 21 April 2009 which reviewed the role of the Transition Committees, the current processes for bringing the formulation of the new Council forward and had begun the process of identifying the key tasks and vision of the emerging Council.
- **DOE Circulars:** DOE Circulars LG 07/09 – Advisory Note on Key Tasks & Milestones and LG 08/08 – Advisory Note on Winding Up Arrangements were tabled for members information.
- **Communication Issues:** The Joint Communications Framework which provided general principles to guide communication issued by the Communications Joint Secretariat comprised of the DOE and NILGA was tabled for information. Members were also informed that the Local Government Reform Communication Group had been established to drive communication activity.

Future Arrangements for Local Partnership Working on Policing and Community Safety: Members approved the proposed response to the consultation document 'Future Arrangements for Local Partnership Working on Policing and Community Safety.'

DPP ANNUAL REPORT:

The District Policing Partnership Annual Report for 2008 – 2009 was tabled and noted.

EXTERNAL MINUTES – NOTED:

- Northern Ireland Housing Council – 12 March 2009
- Western Health & Social Care Trust – 27 March 2009

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY BALLYMENA BOROUGH COUNCIL:

The following resolution submitted by Ballymena Borough Council was noted:

“That the Council takes practical steps with local restaurants, cafes and hotels as well as other stockists in the Borough to advance the case for providing home grown, quality Northern Ireland agricultural produce to customers, locals and visitors alike, in order to sustain the fragile agricultural industry in Northern Ireland. Furthermore, that the Council engages with food labelling and food standards agencies, including the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, to ensure that voluntary labelling endorsing local agricultural produce is advocated, in keeping with the beef industry.”

CONSULTATIONS:

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

- ◆ Driver and Vehicle Agency – Driver Certificate of Professional Competence Scheme, Improvements to Administrative Arrangements. Response 23 July 2009
- ◆ Department for Regional Development – Proposed River Bann Navigation Order (NI). Response 26 June 2009.

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

- It was agreed that Alderman Rankin would attend the ASPE AGM and Northern Ireland Seminar to be held 15 June 2009 in The Braid, Ballymena Town Hall, Museum and Arts Centre. Seminar free to ASPE members.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: - None.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Your EU – An update on European Union Peach and Interred Programmes
- Consarc Design Group – Brochure on Refurbishment of Ulster Hall
- NICVA – Strategic Plan 2009-2012
- Northern Ireland Housing Council – Members Report to Local Councils
- Local Government Staff Commission – Corporate Plan and Business Plan 2009/10
- Parades Commission – Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ending 31 March 2008
- Environment Link - Policy Priorities for Northern Ireland’s Environment

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Nominations at the AGM: A member referred to nominations at the AGM using the d'Hondt methodology as used within the Assembly and said the Voluntary Transition Committee should be reconstituted using this method as it would give a greater political representation of the area. The member was advised that it had been recommended by the Voluntary Transition Committee that the current membership continue until the committee was established in statute.

Magilligan Ferry: IN COMMITTEE. The Chief Executive updated members on the tendering exercise for the Magilligan to Greencastle ferry service. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin that officers would be allowed to continue negotiations with the current ferry operator and that members would be kept updated on the process. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

NEXT MEETING: - 4 August 2009.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.15 pm)**

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting