

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
2 OCTOBER 2012**

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 C McLaughlin.

Aldermen M Coyle, J Rankin, G Robinson. Councillors O Beattie, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, G Mullan, D Nicholl, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive and the Committee Clerk

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor A Brolly.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting held 4 September 2012 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

**MATTERS ARISING: -**

**Page 3 Shackleton Barracks – Proposed Railway Halt:** The Chief Executive informed members that he had received a response from the Chief Operating Officer from Translink who advised that their sponsor Department, DRD, had indicated that there was neither policy cover nor financial provision for a railway halt at Ballykelly at present. Members voiced their disappointment at such a negative response and it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor McCorkell that the Chief Executive would write to the Minister for Regional Development, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Chairperson of the Northern Corridor Railway Group to pursue this matter further.

**Page 5 – Sally Brown – Civic Reception:** Because of difficulties with diary dates to suit both Sally Brown and Jason Smith it was agreed to go ahead with separate civic receptions. The Chief Executive circulated a “Thank You” card from Sally Brown who thanked the Council for their show of support for her during the Paralympic Games.

**MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 20 JUNE 2012:**

The minutes of the Audit Committee were noted. The Chief Executive informed members that in the Internal Audit Annual Report for the year ending 31 March

2012, Council had achieved a “Substantial” level of assurance in relation to its system of internal control.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT:**

The Chief Executive presented his report for October 2012 as follows:

**RPA Update:** The Chief Executive informed members that the funding bid was not tabled at the Executive meeting on 20 September 2012 but a more comprehensive bid would be made later this month.

**ICE Issues:** It was explained to members that it had been identified as an important requisite step to maximise efficiencies and present opportunities for collaboration in the IT field if all Councils were on the same IT platform. As Councils would be taking over planning from 2015 that common platform would be Network NI, the system used by the rest of the public sector. The Chief Executive advised that he was still awaiting confirmation of the mandatory Landlord Registration Scheme which would require all Councils to be on Network NI by April 2013. Costs would be met by DSD and Eircom have agreed to provide the broadband connection to Councils on an ongoing basis for free. He continued that there could be a one off set up cost of approximately £3,000. The recommendation that Council seek to go forward with Network NI on a cluster basis with the partner Councils of Coleraine, Ballymoney and Moyle was agreed.

**Corporate Risk Register 2012/13:** The Chief Executive presented the Corporate Risk Register 2012/13 to Council for approval and informed members that it had been reviewed by Senior Management and Services Manager teams in September 2012 and had been through and accepted by the Audit Committee on 26 September 2012. He explained that the Corporate Risk Register identified the top 10 overall risks perceived to the organisation and set out actions to mitigate against those risks which made it an essential tool in Council’s governance and business planning arrangements. The Corporate Risk Register 2012/13 was approved by members.

**SCORECARD REPORT:** The Integrated Business Plan 2012/13 for the period April to June 2012 was noted.

**BENONE AREA SEWERAGE SCHEME:** Members were reminded that at the Monthly Council meeting on 4 September 2012, Council agreed to grant BSG Civil Engineering Ltd a temporary 15m wayleave in respect of the strip of land around the two sides of the existing Drumavalley WWTW to facilitate the works. Council had no comment to make on the application received from BSG Civil Engineering Ltd for consent to discharge effluent to a waterway under the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.

**PROVISION OF iPADS:** Following a request made at the Environmental Services meeting on 21 August 2012 to investigate the costs involved in providing members with iPads the Chief Executive presented two options available to Council:

1. Wi-fi version which would allow connection to the internet via a wi-fi connection eg a home broadband or a wi-fi hot spot in a town, internet café, airport etc priced at £270-£300 + VAT.
2. 3G version which would allow use of a phone sim card with data access which meant that the internet could be accessed anywhere with 3G or

mobile phone network coverage and would not be tied to a location where there was wi-fi internet access. This type of iPad was priced at £365 + VAT and the monthly charge for unlimited internet/data access would be approximately £8 per month.

The Chief Executive outlined the advantages and disadvantages of each of the two options and summarised additional costs for printers and individual apps which would be required. Members were advised that if they decided to proceed with iPads they would replace existing laptops and that a strict “paperless” practice for the issue of Council Committee papers would be adopted to demonstrate value for money. Members discussed the merits of trialling an iPad for a period of time and considered the current cost to Council in printing and posting out the papers for the Council Committee meetings. It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Douglas that any member who wished to have an iPad should buy their own and on being put to the meeting the proposal was declared lost - 6 for, 7 against and 1 abstention. A further proposal was put to the meeting by Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Mullan that Council would purchase 3G iPads for any elected member who wanted one. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared lost - 5 for, 6 against and 3 abstentions. Members continued to debate the options available and Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor McCaul proposed that one elected member and one member of the Senior Management Team would trial the 3G iPad for a period of three months and report back to Council. On being put to the meeting the proposal was declared carried - 8 for, 5 against and 1 abstention. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McCaul, seconded by Councillor Chivers that Alderman Coyle would be the elected member to trial the 3G iPad for a three month period and would prepare a report to be brought back to Council.

#### **PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL:**

**International Appalachian Trail:** Agreed that Mr Magne Haugseng and Dr Bob Curran attend the Development Committee meeting on 9 October 2012.

**SPACEial North West Project:** Agreed that Loretta McNicholas update Council on the project at the Development Committee meeting on 13 November 2012.

**Roads Service Autumn Consultation:** Members agreed that representatives update Council on the project at the Monthly Council meeting on 4 December 2012.

The Chief Executive’s report was approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor McCaul.

**EXTERNAL MINUTES FOR NOTING:** None

#### **NOTION OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR MCGLINCHEY**

Councillor McGlinchey proposed, seconded by Councillor McCaul that

“That this Council calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to reassure parents that the future service model for Paediatric Congenital Cardiac Services will prioritise the needs of their children; and further calls on the Minister to explore fully an all-island solution with his counterpart Dr James Reilly.”

In the discussion which followed members voiced their support for the motion.

**RESOLUTION FROM COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL:**

The resolution submitted by Coleraine Borough Council concerning the devastating economic effect that the proposed closure of HMP Magilligan would have on Coleraine and neighbouring boroughs and the request that the Minister of Justice would rebuild the prison on its current site as soon as funding became available was tabled and noted.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

Members reviewed the consultation list for October 2012 and the following response was noted:

Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – The Future of Adult Care and Support. *It was agreed to await the outcome of the consultation event in the Roe Valley Leisure Centre on 15 January 2013 before submitting a response.*

**COURSES/CONFERENCES:**

- Building Control Convention 2012 on 15 & 16 November 2012 in the Slieve Donard Resort & Spa – agreed that one officer would attend at a cost of £265 plus VAT.
- Community Planning Conference on 13 November 2012 in Bellinis, Newry – agreed that the Director of Development attend at a cost of £20.
- RTPI event in the Long Gallery Stormont on Wednesday 24 October 2012 – agreed that three elected members could attend at a cost of £25 per delegate. Members were advised to contact the Chief Executive's department if they wished to attend.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint SOLACE Northern Ireland /CCMA Seminar in Craigavon Civic & Conference Centre on 19 October 2012 – approval given to any officer or elected member who wished to attend (no fee involved).

**FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Newtownabbey Borough Council, Corporate Plan 2012-2016.
- Rural Community Network – A Strategic Framework for Community Development for Northern Ireland.
- Attitudes to Peace Walls – Research Report to OFMDFM

**SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:** It was agreed that the transfer document between Limavady Borough Council and John & Peter Sheerin, 35 Kevin Lynch Park, Dungiven be signed and sealed.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:****Building Control – Addendum Notice of Application for the Renewal of a Liquor Licence:**

Council had no objection to the application for the renewal of a liquor licence for Mr James McReynolds for premises at 129 Main Street, Dungiven.

Council had no objection to the application for a transfer and renewal of liquor licence for Marcelle Thompson for premises at The Inn, Catherine Street, Limavady.

**Extension of Slurry Spreading Period:** Agreed that the Chief Executive write to the Minister asking him to clarify the “exceptional circumstances” which would permit the spreading of slurry beyond the 15 October deadline.

**Community Consultation Event on the Flying of Flags in the Glens and Coolestan Estates on Tuesday 9 October 2012:** The Chief Executive agreed to find out further details about the organisation of this event and report back to Councillor Robinson.

**Department of Enterprise, Trade and Industry – Public Consultation on the Provision of a 2 Megabit per second Broadband Service across Northern Ireland:** Agreed to respond to this consultation voicing Council’s concern about the lack of broadband provision and the poor levels of connectivity experienced in parts of the borough.

**NEXT MEETING:** - 6 November 2012.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.25 PM**

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