

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

3 MARCH 2009

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.10 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor Chivers.

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor Brolly.

ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL:

The chair welcomed Mr Harry Rutherford, Chairman of Road Safety Council Northern Ireland Executive Committee to the meeting.

Mr Rutherford explained that following the review of the Road Safety Council for Northern Ireland (RSCNI), the Minister for the Environment decided to cut core funding and fund local Road Safety committees directly. He said that the Ministers decision had been unexpected; especially as it had not been a recommendation within the review and that it left the committee with little time to re-structure or seek alternative financing. He added that the core funding covered the expenses of the RSCNI's office but it also covered the secretariat that supports all the local committees and urged members to support the fight to retain core funding.

Members voiced their support for the work of the Road Safety Council and to the 18 local Road Safety Committees operating throughout the province. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Mullan that the Chief Executive would write to the Minister for the Environment to request that he meet a deputation of Councillors on discuss the impact of withdrawing funding to the Road Safety Council. The Chief Executive undertook to investigate the possibility of financial support for the group.

The chair thanked Mr Rutherford for attending the meeting.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 3 February 2009 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Carten.

MATTERS ARISING:

- Members were informed that Simon Corrigan, Translink Area Manager would meet with Council to discuss withdrawal of the bus service between Limavady & Belfast and other related matters.

SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING:

The minutes of special monthly meeting held 27 January 2009 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

MINUTES - ROE VALLEY CHAMBER OF TRADE:

The minutes of Roe Valley Chamber of Trade held 3 February 2009 were noted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – MARCH 2009:

Civic Centre Update: The Chief Executive informed members that Heron Brothers Ltd would commence 16 month contract for the civic centre on 9 March 2009. It was agreed that the commencement of the landmark project would be marked by a cutting of the first sod and photocall on Thursday 12 March 2009 at 10 am. It was also agreed that the Danny Boy sculpture would be relocated to the town hall square and that a competition would be held, possibly with the youth of the Borough to rename the new building.

Integrated Business Plan: The Integrated Business Plan for the period November 2008 to February 2009 was approved.

Loan Sanction Approval: It was agreed that loan sanction approval would be sought for the following projects:

- provision of play areas at Dernaflaw, Aghanloo, Ballykelly, Foreglen and works at Greysteel Glen and fencing at Blackburn Park - £338,391
- capital improvement at Council Depot - £53,308
- Benone improvements - £82,311
- tourist promotion - £5,000.

Secretary of State's Garden Party 2009: It was agreed that members would put forward nominations for those who worked and lived in the Borough to attend the Secretary of State's Garden Party at Hillsborough Castle in June 2009.

The Housing Executive Community Cohesion Unit: It was agreed that the Housing Executive Community Cohesion Unit would present to Council details of Shared Neighbourhood Programme at the Development Committee meeting on 9 April 2009.

Application for Consent to Discharge Effluent to Waterway Under Water (NI) Order 1999: The Chief Executive informed members that application had been received for consent to discharge effluent to a waterway under Water (NI) Order 1999 from 3 dwellings at Coolagh Road, Greysteel. He said that written comments should be submitted by 10 March 2009, otherwise it would be assumed that Council had no comments to make.

Vigneux Twinning Committee: Approval was given for Councillor Coyle, secretary of Limavady Twinning Association to attend Vigneux sur Seine to discuss future twinning exchanges from Friday 20 March to Sunday 22 March 2009 at a total cost of £220.

Councillor Info Northern Ireland Website: Councillor Cubitt proposed, seconded by Alderman Robinson that Council would no longer avail of the Councillor Info Northern Ireland website costing £2,495 for the incoming year. A number of members objected to the proposal and was of the opinion that this was a small price to pay for valuable resource. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 7 for, 2 against.

NILGA Draft Response to PPS21: Council approved the draft response to PPS21 consultation by NILGA.

EXTERNAL MINUTES - NOTED:

- WH&SCT – 8 January 2009
- Western Group Environmental Health Committee – 9 December 2008

CONSULTATIONS:

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

- ◆ DARD – Rural Anti Poverty and Social Inclusion Framework – 23 March 2009
- ◆ Loughs Agency – proposed amendments to the Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling) Regulations 2001 – 15 April 2009
- ◆ DHSSPS – Draft Service Framework for Respiratory Health and Well Being – 22 April 2009
- ◆ DETI (Insolvency Service) – proposed Debt Relief Scheme for Northern Ireland – 6 May 2009
- ◆ Planning Service – consultation on Transporting the Mining Waste Directive in NI – 11 May 2009
- ◆ DARD – Draft Wine Regulations (NI) 2009 – 15 May 2009.

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

Transport Ireland 2009: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten that Alderman Mullan would attend the Transport Ireland 2009 conference 'Transporting Irelands Economy' to be held 8 April 2009 in Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dublin at a cost of €295+VAT.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

It was agreed that the following legal documents would be signed and sealed:

1. Supplemental Lease between R J Patterson Nut & Sons Ltd and Limavady Borough Council – transfer site at Aghanloo.
2. Contractual agreement between Heron Brothers Ltd and Limavady Borough Council - new Civic Centre build.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Support for Rooney Family: A letter was tabled from Newry & Mourne Council to request Councils support for the Rooney Family who were participating in RTE's Irelands Got Talent show.

Review of Standing Orders: The Chief Executive recommended that Standing Orders be reviewed and amended externally to provide an appropriate framework for the efficient operation of committee meetings. After discussion, it was agreed that the review would be conducted in-house by the Corporate Policy Officer.

Limavady Rural Youth Council: It was agreed that Limavady Rural Youth Council would meet with Councillors after the Development Services meeting on 10 March 2009.

Torch Run for Special Olympics: Members were tabled with a letter from the PSNI Torch Run Committee advising of a fund raising dinner for the Special Olympics in the Bushtown Inn, Coleraine on Saturday 14 March at a cost of £30 per person.

Corporate Plan: Approval was given for the Corporate Plan 2009-2011 to be publicised.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- ◆ Local Authority News – Yearbook and Diary 2009
- ◆ Western Health and Social Care Trust – Comprehensive Spending Review: Proposals and Equality Impact Assessment (Screening) Report
- ◆ Northern Ireland Housing Council Members Report to Local Councils for period November 2008 – January 2009
- ◆ Complete - Quarterly Magazine of the Centre for Competitiveness
- ◆ Health & Social Care Reform – Monthly Update
- ◆ Home Energy Conservation Report
- ◆ Towards Standards for Quality Community Work – an all Ireland Statement of Values, Principles and Work Standards
- ◆ The Historic Movements Council – 1st Report 2003/09
- ◆ CABE – Good Design: the fundamentals; Shape the Future Corporate Strategy 2008/2011
- ◆ Western Education Library Board's Annual Report 2007/08
- ◆ ASPE – Insourcing: A Guide to Bringing Local Authority Services back in house
- ◆ Equality Commission – New Migration, Equality and Integration, Issues and Challenges for Northern Ireland
- ◆ Housing Research Bulletin – Assessing the Impact of Buy to Let
- ◆ Northern Ireland Housing Market – Review and Perspectives 2009-2012

NEXT MEETING: - 7 April 2009.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.35 pm)**

Signed: _____

Chair of Meeting