

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

3 AUGUST 2010

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.45 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor Carten

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director of Support Services and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - Councillors A Brolly and A Robinson.

MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 1 JUNE 2010:

The minutes of meeting held 1 June 2010 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Coyle.

MATTERS ARISING:

Book Launch: The Mayor - Councillor Carten was congratulated for attending the launch of a new book on William Massey. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations' would be forwarded to Dr James Watson, Author of the book. It was suggested that the Corporate Gift Sub Committee consider the book as a corporate gift.

MINUTES OF AGM HELD 8 JUNE 2010:

The minutes of AGM held 8 June 2010 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

Members expressed regret at the decision by Alderman Rankin to stand down as committee member for the Rural Development Programme (LAG). It was noted that his input to the programme had been invaluable and that he would be badly missed.

MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD 10 MARCH 2010:

The minutes of Audit Committee meeting held 10 March 2010 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – AUGUST 2010:

RPA Update: The Chief Executive reported that although RPA was not proceeding in May 2011, the Minister intended to bring back fresh proposals on a delivery timetable to the Executive in the Autumn. He said in the meantime the SOLACE/NILGA joint paper 'A Practical Approach to Securing Local Government Efficiencies and Improvements through Collaboration' which was adopted by the SLB in April 2010 had resulted in three working groups being set up to develop detailed proposals, including efficiencies through collaboration.

A discussion took place around the usefulness of continuing with the Transition Committee process, with some members believing time should not be spent on it, with others of the opinion that the joint work of the committee had been valuable and was a useful method of collaborative working.

Format of Council Meetings: Members discussed options for improving the effective running of Council meetings. Following debate it was agreed to continue with the current meeting schedule, with the following provisos:

- presentations would be restricted to 10 minutes for non statutory bodies
- committee chairs, Officers and the Chief Executive to decide if presentations deemed necessary
- questions asked by members to be kept short
- the fourth Tuesday in the month could be used if need be for lengthy presentations and
- information would be sent electronically or via a CD to those Councillors who had a laptop.

Corporate Plan Consultation Event: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Robinson that the Corporate Plan Consultation Event arranged for 2 September 2010 would be postponed until after the elections in order for the newly elected Council to shape its own destination.

Corporate Risk Register: The updated Corporate Risk Register was approved by members.

Provision of Internal Audit Service: It was agreed that the contract with Moore Stephens for provision of Internal Audit would be extended up to 30 June 2011.

A copy of the Internal Audit Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2010 was circulated for information.

Partnership Agreement Between Limavady Youth Council & Limavady Borough Council: The Chief Executive advised that following discussions with the WELB Youth Officers, a draft partnership agreement had been drawn up to develop a positive relationship between Limavady Borough Council the Youth Council. The draft partnership agreement was approved by Council.

Equality Commission Annual Progress Report: The Annual Report to the Equality Commission on Section 75 of the NI Act 1998 and Section 49A of the Disability Discrimination Order 2006 was approved by members.

Lough Foyle Car Ferry: It was noted that the first quarterly Management Meeting of the year had taken place between the Lough Foyle Ferry Company, Limavady Borough Council and Donegal Council and that a further update meeting of the joint working group would be held in September. The Chief

Executive agreed to investigate an unscheduled landing by a Cruise Ship to the Ferry Harbour.

Presentations to Council: It was agreed that Quarry Products Association would be invited to present to Council at the September 2010 Development Services Committee.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:

- Western Group Environmental Health Committee – 9 March 2010
- Western Health & Social Care Trust Board – 1 April 2010

CONSULTATIONS:

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

- Department of the Environment – Future of Bus Operator Licensing in NI: Submission by 24 August 2010. *Members indicated that the submission date should be extended as a number of groups affected by the licensing system were on holidays. It was suggested that proposals would have a huge consequences for the community and voluntary sector. There was a need to look at impact of the proposals on youth and senior citizens groups. Tier 1 & 2 of the proposals would add up to £1,500 for drivers in the community. Council requested that it be stipulated in the response the high community usage within Limavady borough.*
- Department of Employment and Learning – Success Through Skills 2: Submission by 17 September 2010. *No comment.*
- Department of the Environment and DARD – Nitrates Action Programme regulations (NI) 2010: Submission by 13 August 2010. *Points 3, 4 and 7 were acceptable but other points would be a hindrance to the farming community.*
- DHSSPS – Draft Fire & Rescue Services (Emergencies) (NI) Order: Submission by 17 September 2010. *Council agreed with the contents of the consultation.*
- Loughs Agency – Proposed Amendments to the Foyle and Carlingford Area (Tagging and Logbook) Regulations 2001: Submission by 31 August 2010. *No comment.*
- NI Assembly Committee for Social Development – Housing (Amendment) (No 2) Bill: Submission by 23 August 2010. *No comment.*
- Department of Education – Early Years (0-6) Strategy: Submission by 30 November 2010. *No comment.*
- Department for Social Development – Warmer Healthier Homes, a New Fuel Poverty Strategy for NI: Submission by 24 September 2010. *Council welcomed any measure that would minimise fuel poverty.*
- Department of the Environment – Draft Amendment to the Landfill Regulations (NI) 2003: Submission by 15 September 2010. *No comment.*
- NI Assembly Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment – Tourism (Amendment) Bill: Submission by 11 August 2010. *No comment.*
- NI Assembly Committee for Regional Development: Submission by 16 August 2010. *No comment.*
- DRD – Proposal for a City of Derry Airport (Control Over Land) Order (NI): Submission by 22 October 2010. *It was agreed that this consultation*

would be discussed at the September Monthly meeting when a map outlining the areas of land in question would be made available.

- DRD – Proposals for a Belfast International Airport (Control Over Land) Order (NI): Submission by 22 October 2010. *No comment.*

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

It was agreed that the following members/officers would attend the conferences listed:

- Alderman Robinson and Alderman Coyle to attend the NAC, NI AGM & conference on 24 September 2010 in Clandeboyle Lodge Hotel, Bangor at a cost of £75 per person.
- An officer to attend the CIPFA NI Annual Conference on 23 & 24 September 2010 in Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle at a cost of £550 + VAT.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: - None

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- BBC Audience Council Review 2009/10
- BBC Northern Ireland Management Review 2009/10
- Northern Ireland Water – Drinking Water Quality Report for NI 2009
- The Planning and Water Appeals Commissions – Chief Commissioner’s Annual Report April 2009 to March 2010
- Northern Ireland Ombudsman – Annual Report 2009/10
- PricewaterhouseCoopers – A Place at the Top Table? Raising Finance’s games in the Public Sector
- Translink ‘Let’s go together’ publication – future steps for public transport
- Telecare and Telehealth – Drivers of Change May 2010
- Sustains – Annual Review 2009
- Education Investor – news and views n the business of learning, July/August 2010
- DPP News Summer 2010
- Northern Ireland Water – Water Fittings Regulations
- Get Set – the newspaper from digital UK – leading the digital TV switchover
- Director of Public Health – 2009 Annual Report

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Child Sex Offenders’ Scheme: Members expressed their support for the Child Sex Offenders’ Disclosure scheme and requested that the Justice Minister, David Ford MLA implement the scheme in Northern Ireland as soon as possible in order to provide a further safeguard to children by allowing parents and guardians the right to know the criminal past of those in contact with their children.

UK City of Culture 2013: It was agreed that a letter of congratulations would be forwarded to Derry City Council on being awarded the UK City of Culture 2013. Members were of the opinion that County Londonderry overall would benefit from the accolade.

Presbyterian Mutual Society: It was agreed that a letter would be forwarded to the office of the Minister & Deputy First Minister to ask that they do everything in

their power to help those affected by the collapse of the Presbyterian Mutual Society.

Lease of Retail Units: IN COMMITTEE. It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin that subject to legal and environmental approval and clarification from interested parties that the large retail unit at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Ghleann na Ró would be leased for a 3 year period for use as a café and the smaller unit would be leased to a recruitment company. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

NEXT MEETING: - 7 September 2010.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.40 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting