

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
3 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.25 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor G Mullan.

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive and the Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: - None

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 6 August 2013 were approved on the proposal of Alderman G Robinson, seconded by Alderman M Coyle.

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 2 – RPA Update: Councillor E Stevenson commented on the lack of detail concerning the debate around the chosen methodology to allocate elected members for the Statutory Transition Committee. Councillor E Stevenson felt that the d'Hondt methodology utilised did not return a proportional representation of all sections on the Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT:

The Chief Executive presented his report for September 2013 as follows:

RPA Update:

Statutory Transition Committee (STC): The Chief Executive informed members that the inaugural meeting of the Causeway Coast and Glens Statutory Transition Committee took place on 8 August 2013 with 5 members each nominated from the 4 Councils, Limavady, Coleraine, Ballymoney and Moyle. Using the D'Hondt process Councillor McIlroy from Moyle District Council was elected Chairperson for the next 8 months and Councillor McGuigan of Ballymoney was elected Vice Chair. The Chief Executive also notified members that the minutes of meetings of the STC would be provided to members as soon as available.

Regional Transition Operational Board (RTOB): The Chief Executive updated members on the outcome of the RTOB meeting that took place on 22

August 2013, he informed members the Statutory Transition Committee were working on budgets for their activity and draft budgets for Shadow Council year. The Chief Executive advised members of the issue raised at the meeting that all the costs arising from the activities of the STC/Shadow Councils (above those identified in the Central Government funding package) must be met by existing councils in the cluster.

DOE Workshop for STC Members/Officers on Organisation Design for Planning: The Chief Executive advised that a workshop addressing issues relating to the transfer of Planning to Councils in 2015 took place in Craigavon on 23 August 2013. He informed members that the reform of Planning was underway and the new Planning Bill would be going to the consideration stage at the Assembly.

Dungiven Sport & Community Project: The Chief Executive advised that the appointment of Consultants to develop plans for Dungiven Sport and Community Project had formally commenced with the first stage now on track with a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire published in the European Journal.

Request to address Council from Windwatch NI: Members agreed to a request from Windwatch NI, a community based group, to address Council regarding their concerns relating to the growth of windfarms. It was also agreed that a letter be written to Planning Headquarters inviting them to attend Council to express their position on the erection of windfarms in the area.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED: - None

CONSULTATIONS: - None

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

It was agreed that the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Conference as outlined on the agenda be placed on the October agenda.

There were no requests by elected members or officers to attend the list of courses/conferences outlined on the agenda.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- NI Marine Survey, Northern Ireland 2012/13

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

Licence Agreement: The licence agreement between Department of Regional Development and Limavady Borough Council relating to the use, maintenance and occupation of walkway at Rathbrady, Limavady was signed and sealed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Translink - It was agreed the Chief Executive contact Translink and invite them to attend a Committee meeting to update members on the current and upcoming plans for the refurbishment of the Derry~Londonderry-Coleraine railway line.

Reusable Bags – A member suggested the possibility of Limavady Borough Council creating a recyclable and reusable bag to promote the local area. The Chief Executive affirmed he would investigate various options available.

NEXT MEETING: - 1 October 2013.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 7.50 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting