

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
4 FEBRUARY 2014**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.20pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor G Mullan.

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive and the Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor O Beattie.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 7 January 2014 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor A Robinson, seconded by Councillor E Scott.

MATTERS ARISING: - None

CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT:

The Chief Executive presented his report for February 2014. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted subject to the following:

Local Government Reform:

Development of a Scheme to Support Capacity Building for Regeneration/Community Development Activities: Members agreed to endorse the NILGA response to the letter.

Transfer of Urban Regeneration and Community Development Budgets to Local Government: The Chief Executive confirmed that a response to the consultation would be brought back to Council for consideration.

Galway City Council Communication: The Chief Executive informed members of a request received from Strange Boat Donor Foundation in partnership with Galway City Council for a sponsorship of €250.00 towards a tree which would be allocated in the organ donor commemorative garden in Galway and explained that the initiative was aimed at raising awareness around organ donation. It was agreed to provide a sponsorship of €250.00. It was also agreed that a tree from the 400 project would be planted in the Borough and publicity organised to raise awareness and to highlight the importance of organ donation.

Scorecard Report: The Integrated Business Plan 2013/14 for the period October to December 2013 was noted.

HSENI Communication: It was agreed that Mr J King, HSENI Principal Inspector for Public Sector, attend the Monthly Council meeting in March 2014 to speak to management and elected members about health and safety.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:

- Western Health and Social Care Trust Board Meeting – 5 December 2013.

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR B CHIVERS:

Councillor Chivers proposed:

“That this Council

Notes with concern the legal ruling which resulted in a 0% transfer rate from Pillar 1 to Pillar 2 of the Rural development Programme and is concerned that the court ruling which quashed the decision by the Agriculture Minister could have a detrimental impact on the Going for Growth strategy, the environment and funding for rural communities; and calls on the Council to write to the Office of First Minister and Deputy First Minister and the Finance Minister to ensure the necessary funding is found to address this.”

Councillor Chivers highlighted the importance the 7% increase would have had for rural projects and farmers in the area and stated that the action by the court ruling could have disastrous consequences for farmers and called upon Council to support the motion so local farmers would not suffer any further. She also stated that England had announced they would be transferring 12%, Scotland 9.5% and Wales 15% to rural development projects. Councillor McCaul emphasised that the money was needed and that rural areas should not suffer anymore.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McCaul, and on being put to the meeting was declared carried, 8 for, namely Alderman Coyle, Councillor Mullan, Councillor Chivers, Councillor McCaul, Councillor Nicholl, Councillor Brolly, Councillor McLaughlin and Councillor McGlinchey. There was none against and 6, Councillor Douglas, Alderman Rankin, Councillor Stevenson, Councillor McCorkell, Councillor Robinson and Councillor E Scott abstained from the vote.

RESOLUTION FROM MOYLE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following resolution submitted by Moyle District Council was noted:

“At a recent Council Meeting, concern was expressed regarding proposals to abolish the NIHE and the Housing Council..... Members are of the view that both bodies have done sterling work over many years and that the transfer of housing stock to housing associations will effectively be the privatisation of public housing..... The Council has therefore asked that I write to all Councils seeking support for the retention of both the Housing Executive and the Housing Council and that your Council writes to the Minister, Nelson McCausland accordingly.”

CONSULTATIONS: -

Members reviewed the consultation list for February 2014. Members reviewed the consultation list for February 2014. It was agreed that the Corporate Policy

Officer would draft a response on behalf of members to the following consultation:

- ✓ Private Members Bill – To Make Amateur Sports Clubs Exempt from Rates: *A member expressed the importance of Councils full support and stated that this bill would help small clubs survive and asked that Council put their weight behind it.*

COURSES/CONFERENCES: -

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

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: -

It was agreed that the Deed of Conveyance received from NI Waters for Lands at Highlands Road, Dromore, Limavady be signed and sealed.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Tuairisc Cheann Bliana 2012-2013
- DRD/Comhshaol Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil-Framework for Co-operation, Spatial Strategies of Northern Ireland & the Republic of Ireland

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Letter of Congratulations: It was agreed to send a letter of congratulations to Councillor O Beattie on the birth of her baby girl.

Civic Reception: It was agreed that a civic reception be held for Mr Terence McMacken to give recognition and to highlight his sterling work with Dungiven Celtic Football Club throughout the last 30 years.

Lilac Avenue/Dowland Road: A member asked that a letter be written to Roads Service in regards to road works at Lilac Avenue, Dowland Road, Limavady following drainage problems and asked what difficulties had arisen and the expected timescale for completion of work.

IN COMMITTEE on the proposal of Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor McCaul.

Dungiven Sports and Community Facilities Project: The Chief Executive provided members with an update on the Dungiven Sports and Community Facilities project and stated that the Invitation to Tender documents for the appointment of the integrated design team would be ready for issue shortly. He highlighted that the lands at Hass Road would be suitable for extra playing fields and following a report from Council's valuer it was agreed to proceed to acquire the land at a cost of £250,000 subject to all necessary approvals being got. **OUT OF COMMITTEE**

NEXT MEETING: - 4 March 2014.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.05PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting