

LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
4 MARCH 2014

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.40pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor G Mullan.

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive and the Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: - None.

PRESENTATION BY HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE NORTHERN IRELAND (HSENI)

The Chair welcomed Mr Jim King, Principal Inspector, HSENI to the meeting.

Councillor E Stevenson left the meeting at 7.45pm.

Mr King commended Limavady Borough Council on the performance and work carried out concerning Health and Safety. He stated that Limavady Borough Council was one of the top Councils within the 26 and encouraged the management team and members of staff to continue. He appreciated that a good standard of Health and Safety required continual work and investment.

Mr King elaborated on the roles and responsibilities of elected members and senior management and highlighted the top 6 Corporate Council risks:

- Fire
- Legionella outbreak
- Waste recycling
- Waste collection – workplace transport
- Maintenance activity
- Health issues including stress.

He emphasised the importance of good health and safety practice and reminded members that this was the responsibility of each individual. Mr King highlighted the importance of ‘Tone at the Top’ - that good health and safety practice should filter down throughout the Council and stated that if an incident occurred ‘Tone at the Top’ would be the first item a jury would take into consideration. Mr King informed members of the wealth of guidance available and stated there was no excuse for negligence and that getting health and safety right was beneficial to everyone.

The Chair thanked Mr King for attending the meeting.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 4 February 2014 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor McCorkell.

MATTERS ARISING: - None

CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT:

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

Council Meeting Schedule May/June 2014: It was agreed that the scheduled meetings for May 2014 would remain unchanged. It was also agreed to reschedule the June meetings to allow time for the final Accounts to be ratified by Council. The amended dates for meetings in June are as follows;

AGM	Monday 2 June
Monthly Council/Support Services Committee	Tuesday 10 June
Development Committee	Tuesday 17 June
Planning Services/Environmental Committee	Tuesday 24 June

Autism Awareness Day: The Chief Executive reported that a request had been received from Autism NI to light the Council Offices in blue on 2 April 2014 to mark national awareness day for Autism which was agreed.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:

- Western Group Environmental Health Committee Meeting 3 December 2013.

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR S McGLINCHEY

Councillor S McGlinchey withdrew his notice of motion with regard to job losses at KPL and said that a productive meeting had taken place on Friday 28 February 2014 with the relevant people regarding the firm closure.

CONSULTATIONS: -

Members reviewed the consultation list for March 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:

- ✓ From Fuel Poverty to Achieving Affordable Warmth: *Members expressed the need to provide encouragement as tackling fuel poverty is high on everyone's agenda.*

COURSES/CONFERENCES: -

- Planning in Local Government - The Way Forward, Canal Court Hotel, Newry, Thursday 6 March 2014 – agreed Councillor D Nicholl attend at a cost of £20.

- Making Your Plan Work For You – Preparing for RPA, Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick, Thursday 13 March 2014 – agreed Councillor D Nicholl would attend at a cost of £25.
- NI Centre Conference and Exhibition 2014 - Waste in the Right Place, Wednesday 2 April 2014, Galgorm Manor Hotel, Ballymena agreed two officers attend at a cost of £150 + vat.
- Strategic Planning Policy Statement, half day conference, Thursday 3 April, Central Belfast – agreed Councillors T McCaul and D Nicholl attend at a cost of £125 + vat.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: -

It was agreed that the Assignment of Lease between Council and LCDI for lands at Benevenagh Drive would be signed and sealed.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Northern Ireland Ambulance Service. Health and Social Care Trust – Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013
- Newtownabbey Borough Council Annual Report 2012/2013

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Building Control – Addendum Notice of Application for the Renewal of a Bingo Club Licence: Council had no objection to the application for the renewal of a Bingo Club Licence for Mr Michael Heaney, D G Skye Ltd, 37 Clarendon Street, Londonderry for premises at Ballys Bingo Club, 40 Main Street, Dungiven.

Limavady High School and St Mary’s Unity Bridge Project: It was agreed that representatives from Limavady High School and St Mary’s attend the Development meeting on Tuesday 11 March 2014 to provide members with an update on the Unity Bridge Project.

Civic Reception: It was agreed that a civic reception be held for North West Junior Bowling Team who won the Irish Junior Championship on Saturday 1 March 2014. Members stated that this was the first time in the fifteen years history of the Junior Championship that the North West had won this prestige Championship and recognition was deserved.

Presentation Request: It was agreed that Mr Bill Beckett of the Northern Ireland Countryside Festival attend the next available Council meeting to make a presentation to Council in respect of a Countryside Festival which his organisation are keen to hold at Shackleton in July 2014.

NEXT MEETING: - 1 April 2014.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.25PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting