

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

SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

04 APRIL 2006

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady which commenced at 7.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen G Mullan, G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors A Brolly (chair), P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, L Cubitt, M Coyle, M Donaghy, B Douglas, J F McElhinney, C Ó hOisín, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Finance Manager.

APOLOGIES:

Director of Support Services.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 7 March 2006 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

MATTERS ARISING:

Audit Committee: Councillor Butcher reminded members that it had been proposed at the March 2006 Environmental Services meeting that the Audit Committee meet to discuss the progression of the Town Hall and suggested this take place as soon as possible. Agreed.

Notice of Motion on Irish Unity: Councillor Brolly requested that it be noted that all members of Sinn Féin aspired to an all Ireland Republic.

Moneyrannel Road: The Finance Manager informed members that the Chief Executive and Director of Environmental Services were discussing consultation details with the 5 residents of Moneyrannel Road regarding the change in road name.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

The payment of accounts for the month of February 2006 was tabled and noted.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

IN COMMITTEE: The Finance Manager presented the Human Resources Report and enlarged thereon. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Alderman Rankin. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

90th Anniversary of Easter Rising: Councillor Coyle informed members that a meeting had been held regarding events to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising and proposed that Council:

1. host a Civic Reception on Friday 21 April 2006;
2. have on display a copy of the 1916 Proclamation with Easter lilies from Monday 17 to Friday 28 April 2006;
3. have Council facilities (Leisure Centre/Benone Tourist Complex) open and free for young people up to maximum age of 16 on 24 April 2006. He suggested that tickets would be issued on a first come first served basis and if demand was high these could be used on another date;
4. have a wreath laying ceremony at Dungiven on Easter Monday, with the Deputy Mayor taking on this duty as the Mayor would be unavailable.

Councillor Butcher seconded the proposal.

Councillor Stevenson said he found it unacceptable that this would be celebrated in Council property and suggested that this was politics in the extreme. He reminded members that it was the SDLP who had called for Council buildings to be neutral; with pictures to be taken off the wall and proposed that Council do not accept what had been suggested by Councillor Coyle. This was seconded by Alderman Robinson who said the SDLP were moving the goal posts by jumping on the Sinn Féin band wagon and this would ostracise the people of Limavady.

Alderman Rankin, and Councillor Douglas put forward their opposition and queried if using Council premises in this way would set a precedent. Councillor Cubitt reminded members that Councillor Coyle had refused to support the Ulster Scots unless they presented to Council and said the Borough was a cold place for Protestants.

Councillor Ó hOisín pointed out that unionists could not have it both ways and said it should be either no emblems or that of both traditions. He reminded Alderman Robinson that no decision had been made regarding removing the pictures and that whilst his aspirations were legitimate, it had been agreed to limit the commemorations which were also taking place in other Council chambers throughout Ireland. Councillor Butcher suggested that the sub committee on Emblems within Council meet within the next month.

The amendment not to use Council property to celebrate the 1916 Easter Rising was put to the meeting and declared lost, with 6 voting for and 9 against. The substantive motion was put to the meeting and declared carried, with 9 voting for and 6 against.

Country Market: Alderman Robinson referred to the Country Market to be held on Saturday 8 April 2006 and requested figures on what this was costing Council.

NEXT MEETING:

2 May 2006.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 7.20 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting