

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
4 OCTOBER 2011**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.50 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor S McGlinchey

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor B Douglas

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 6 September 2011 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

MATTERS ARISING:

Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Ghleann na Ró: It was agreed that staff at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre would be informed that elected members were impressed by the new events guide for the centre, which outlined programmes from September to December 2011. It was suggested that the guide should have been published a few weeks earlier.

Excavation work in Market Street: It was stressed that excavation work due to commence in Market Street would need to be completed before Christmas.

Complaints about Smell: The Chief Executive explained that there had been no firm outcome from the meeting with Minister Attwood with regard to the smell emanating from a waste storage facility off the Broad Road. He said that the Minister had been appraised about the scope and scale of the problem and that he had undertaken to contact DARD and DRD Ministers on the matter.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a letter would be forwarded to Danny Kennedy, Minister for Regional Development to complain about the smell as NI Water had contracted a company to work at the site. It was stressed that Council should have been aware as to why there were failings at the Duncrue site where the waste would normally be processed and what was being done to rectify the problem. It was also stressed that the public should be made aware that Councillors were fighting their corner with regard to their complaints about the smell.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT:

The Chief Executive presented his report for October 2011. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

Improvement, Collaboration & Efficiency (ICE) Programme: The Chief Executive explained that the results of the ICE consultation carried out last year indicated a high level of support for the establishment of a Regional Governance Group (RGG). He said that correspondence had been received from NILGA asking Council to nominate one elected member and one substitute to the RGG.

It was agreed that Councillor Chivers would represent Council on the RGG and that Councillor Mullan would act as a substitute. All correspondence relating to RGG meeting would be distributed to both members.

Policing & Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) – Appointment of Political Members: The Chief Executive informed members that correspondence had been received from the Department of Justice asking Council to agree the number of political members to the PCSP and to identify those members as soon as possible. He said that under the Justice Act (NI) 2011 there should be 8, 9 or 10 political members to the PCSP and that in determining this, Council should have regard to the number of members constituting the Council to ensure that political members reflect the balance of parties prevailing among members immediately after the last local government election.

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Chivers that 9 political members would be nominated to the PCSP.

Councillor Brolly proposed, seconded by Councillor McCaul that the d'Hondt method would be used on selection of political members to the PCSP. Councillor Stevenson requested that his opposition to the d'Hondt methodology be registered.

Using the d'Hondt list the following membership to the PCSP was agreed:

SF (4)	Party leader to discuss membership with colleagues
DUP (2)	Councillor McCorkell and Councillor Robinson
SDLP (2)	Alderman Coyle and Councillor Mullan
UUP (1)	Alderman Rankin

It was noted that there was no payment for membership to the PCSP except for out of pocket expenses.

Presentations to Council: The following presentations were approved:

- Public Health Agency – rescheduled to Environmental Services Committee, 18 October 2011
- Roads Service Autumn Consultation – Planning & Services Committee, 15 November 2011.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED: None.

CONSULTATIONS:

The following consultations were noted without comment.

- DOE – The Draft Local Government Best Value (Exclusion of Non-Commercial considerations) Order (NI) 2011 and Associated Guidance.
- NI Courts and Tribunals Service – Access to Justice Report.
- Libraries NI – Review of Library Opening Hours
- DOE – Proposals for a Charge on Single Use Carrier Bags

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

Attendance at the following courses/conferences was agreed:

- ◆ Building Control Manager to attend the Building Control Convention 2011, Embracing Change, on 20 & 21 October 2011 in Canal Court Hotel, Newry: Fee: £265 + VAT.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: - None.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Children's Society – Annual Review 2010/11
- Western Health and Social Care Trust Annual Report 2010/11
- Sustainable Northern Ireland – Annual Report 2010/11
- Housing Executive – Rural Matters September 2011
- Housing Executive – Rural Review
- NILGOSC – Annual Report 2010/11
- Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service – Annual Report and Statement of Accounts 2010/11
- Mary Peters Trust – Annual Report 2010
- Northern Group of Councils Building Control Committee – Annual Report 2010/11
- Parades Commission – Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 March 2010
- Northern Ireland Ombudsman Law Centre – Alternatives to Court in NI
- Irish Football Association Activity Report 2010/11

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- It was agreed that Roads Service would be approached regarding provision of a footpath from Bellarena Railway Station to Bellarena Primary School.
- Members voiced their disappointment that the meeting with Road Service regarding provision of a disabled car parking at the front of Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre had been futile. It was suggested that officers look at different types of bollards which could be used to prevent cars parking at the entrance to Drumceatt Square.
- Members were informed that there were 2 Councillor vacancies on the Board of Libraries NI and that applications should be submitted by 21 October 2011.

NEXT MEETING: - 1 November 2011.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.40 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting