

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
5 AUGUST 2014**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.30 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Alderman A Robinson.

Aldermen J Rankin and M Coyle. Councillors O Beattie, B Chivers, R Donaghy, B Douglas, G Mullan, T McCaul, S McGlinchey, E Scott and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Development, Head of Finance and the Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor A Brolly, Councillor D Nicholl, Councillor J McCorkell and the Chief Executive.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 10 June 2014 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor B Chivers, seconded by Councillor E Scott.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The minutes of Audit Committee meeting held 12 March 2014 were approved by Council.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETINGS – DUNGIVEN SPORT & COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROJECT:

The minutes of special meeting held 3 June 2014 were approved on the proposal of Councillor E Scott, seconded by Councillor B Douglas.

The minutes of special meeting held 2 July 2014 were approved on the proposal of Councillor T McCaul, seconded by Councillor O Beattie.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT:

The Director of Development presented the Chief Executive's report for August 2014. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor B Chivers, seconded by Alderman M Coyle subject to the following:

Scorecard Report: The Scorecard Report for the period April – June 2014 was approved by members.

Section 75 Annual Progress Report: The Section 75 Annual Progress Report for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 was approved by Council.

Dungiven Project Update: The Director of Development reported that since the last special meeting held on 2 July 2014 with regard to the above project, the CC&GSC had held a workshop on 16 July 2014 in Flowerfield Arts Centre whereby 7 projects costing over £250k proposed within the Capital Build Programme across the cluster were discussed, including an assessment of financial position and presentations were heard on each of the projects. She said that following the workshop, the projects were to be considered for final decision on whether or not to progress to the next stage at a meeting of Causeway Coast & Glens Shadow Council on 24 July 2014.

The Director of Development advised that at the meeting on 24 July, the list of seven projects were considered and whilst the first four projects were approved individually to go to the next stage, the Dungiven Sports & Community Facilities project, along with two other sports related projects were deferred on block until October 2014 to allow for a Sports and Leisure Strategy to be developed.

The Director of Development reminded members that the 5 companies who had submitted tenders for design team appointment, including the preferred bidder, had agreed to hold their prices up to 6 August 2014. Following advice from Council's Procurement Advisor, the 5 companies had been written to again to seek their agreement to hold tender prices to the end of October 2014. However, should a decision not be taken then to move the project to the next stage at that time, in all likelihood a new tendering exercise would have to be carried out.

It was pointed out that since November 2013, when the STC had approved the project, Council had invested substantially in purchasing land and going through the procurement process.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:

Western Health & Social Care Trust – 1 May 2014.

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR SEAN McGLINCHEY:

Councillor McGlinchey put forward the following motion:

‘that this Council instructs legal counsel to look at the Causeway Coast and Glens Councils’ decision to defer the Dungiven Sports Project again and to advise as to the legal remedies open to Limavady Borough Council to progress the scheme.’

Alderman M Coyle seconded the motion and was supportive to Council obtaining legal advice. He said there was no need to defer the project from going to the next stage as the CC&GSC had been furnished with all the relevant information required to make a decision and that there was no justification for treating the last 3 project differently by deferring them on block. He added that the project would enhance Dungiven, a town that had very little going for it economically and that the delay would no doubt mean retendering, with costs continuing to mount up.

Alderman M Coyle requested that Limavady Borough Council be given the terms of reference for the development of a new sports strategy for the Causeway area

and to have access to the strategy once finalised. He also queried what it could cost Council to bring the current sports pavilion up to an acceptable standard.

Other points made included:

- Councillor E Stevenson said the CC&GSC needed to be prudent and at no point did he support the Dungiven project. He requested a recorded vote if the motion was put to the meeting.
- Councillor B Douglas pointed out that he had questioned the amount of spend when the various options had been presented to Council but the most expensive option had been proposed and seconded right away by Sinn Fein members. He said he was not opposed to facilities in Dungiven, however, not at the current scale.
- Councillor G Mullan voiced his disappointment at the decision of the Shadow Council and said it appeared that the main objective was to stop the project going forward at any cost. He said this could be an equality issue and that he hoped that the decision made by Unionist members not to support the project was not down to politics.
- Councillor O Beattie indicated that Limavady Borough Council members were not given the opportunity to enter into discussion or put forward other options on how the project could be progressed at the meetings of CC&GSC and that the Shadow Council had totally disregarded work already done on the project.

In summing up, Councillor McGlinchey stated that there was a need to obtain legal advice as the project was at an advanced stage and that members needed to come together to discuss this further.

The motion was put to the meeting and declared carried, with 7 voting for, namely Alderman Coyle, Councillor Donaghy, Councillor McCaul, Councillor Chivers, Councillor McGlinchey, Councillor Mullan and Councillor Beattie. Alderman Rankin, Councillor Douglas, Councillor Stevenson and Councillor Scott, 4 voted against and Alderman Robinson abstained from the vote.

CONSULTATIONS: -

Members reviewed the consultation list for August 2014, several of which were noted or being responded to by individual political parties. It was agreed that Council would respond to the following consultation:

- Department of the Environment, Planning Reform and Transfer to Local Government: Submission by 20 August 2014. *Agreed that a workshop would be held for a detailed response.*

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

- Alderman M Coyle to attend the NAC AGM on 3 October 2014 in Clandeboye Lodge Hotel. Fee £40.
- Councillor T McCaul to attend the Irish Association of Suicidology 18th Annual Conference, being held 9 – 10 October 2014 in Westport. Fee €150.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Housing Executive – Northern Ireland Housing Market, Review & Perspectives 2014/17
- Quarry Products Association – Quarry 2014
- Utility Week – Where are all the women?
- Utility Week – Solar gets too hot to handle!
- Utility Week – Separate Lives
- Public Health Agency – Director of Public Health Annual Report 2013
- Patient and Client Council – Access to GP Services May 2014
- North West Regional College – College Development Plan 2014-2017
- Traffic and Travel Information 2012, Incorporating Annual Traffic Census and Vehicle Kilometres to Travel.
- Prospects in Partnership – Inspiration: Changing Times
- Translink – Corporate Responsibility Review 2013/14 and Annual Review 2013/14.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: - None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Presentation to Council: It was agreed that local historian Brian Mailey would present to Council, possibly at the September 2014 Development Committee meeting.

Application for Grant of Entertainment Licence: It was agreed that the following application for grant of an entertainment licence would be approved, subject to there being no adverse comments from PSNI or NIFRS and no representation being received from public adverts:

- ✓ O'Connors Glack, GFC
- ✓ Bobs Bar & Bestro
- ✓ St Aidans Parish Hall and
- ✓ St Marys Faughanvale GAA

Photo Opportunity: Members were invited to attend a photocall on Friday 8 August 2014 at 12 noon with regard to the Countryside Festival being launched. Attendance an approved duty.

NEXT MEETING: - 2 September 2014.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.25 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting