

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

5 OCTOBER 2010

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.45 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor Carten

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES:

Alderman M Coyle and Councillor A Robinson.

MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 7 SEPTEMBER 2010:

The minutes of meeting held 7 September 2010 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

MATTERS ARISING:

NAP Workshop: The Chief Executive advised that a number of items arising from the NAP Workshop would be brought to the Planning & Services committee for ratification by members. Noted.

MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The minutes of Audit Committee meeting held 9 June 2010 was approved on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Donaghy.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2010:

RPA Update: The Chief Executive informed members that the Transition Committee had met on 30 September 2010 and that a Civil Servant who was in attendance had advised that the budget for the Transition Committee could be utilized towards collaboration on efficiencies with other Councils in the Causeway cluster.

Economic Climate Update: The Chief Executive circulated a briefing paper issued by SOLACE, which highlighted the main economic pressures that might affect Council as a result of UK Government or Assembly decisions within the context of the current economic climate. He also circulated a model showing the

impact on the rates if the Resources Grant and Derating Grant were to be phased out over a three year period. He suggested that political parties try and ensure that these grants be retained as without them, the rates could increase by up to 20%.

North West Region Cross Border Group: Members were reminded that John Meehan of Derry City Council had presented a paper to Council outlining proposals for a Cross Border Partnership Board, taking in a wide range of stakeholders. A further paper was presented giving details of how the proposed Cross Border Partnership Board would work and its relationship with other bodies, including the NWRCBG. The paper set out provision for Limavady Borough Council to have representation on both the Cross Border Partnership Board and the Cross Border Executive Forum.

There followed a discussion in which it was suggested that there was no need for yet another level of administration. Councillor Butcher proposed, seconded by Councillor Chivers that Council would have representation on the Partnership Board and the Executive Forum. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 8 for, 5 against.

Dungiven Castle Update: *Councillor Butcher declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.* The Chief Executive advised that it had been confirmed that the business, which subleased Dungiven Castle had gone into administration and that Council's solicitors had written to the Administrator and to Glenshane Community Development Ltd to advise them that no party had a unilateral right to assign or sub let the property without the consent of Council and Departmental approval. In response to a member who asked if Dungiven Castle could be brought back into Council control, the Chief Executive advised that there currently was a 99 year lease governing that issue.

Corporate Risk Register: The updated Corporate Risk Register was approved by members.

NILGA EU Funds Conference: It was agreed that up to five elected members and officers who sat on the Rural Development Programme would attend the NILGA conference on Maximising the Impact of EU Funds – Energising Growth on 27 October 2010 at the Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick.

NILGA Report: The Chief Executive circulated final draft report on NILGA's Future Leadership requirements from a scoping exercise carried out by AS Associates. Members to made comments by 5 October 2010 in advance of the next NILGA Executive meeting to be held 15 October 2010.

CONSULTATIONS:

The Chief Executive explained that the Corporate Policy Officer had reviewed how consultation documents were dealt with and recommended that each consultation be scored on a level of significance to Council. He said that those consultations scoring over 6 would be responded to and those scoring between 0 – 5 would be noted. Agreed.

The following consultations which scored less than 5 were noted:

- Labour Relations Agency – Draft Code of Practice on Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures

- DHSSOS – Speech, Language and Communication Therapy Action Plan 2010-2012
- Dept of Regional Development – Proposals for the Coleraine (Transfer of Harbour Undertaking) Order (NI)
- DoE Road Safety Division – Proposed Amendments to Bus and Coach Construction Regulations and in Relation to Vehicle Emissions Standards and Speed Limiters on NI Prison Service Vehicles.

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

2011 Somme Pilgrimage for the 95th Anniversary: It was agreed that one place would be reserved for a member to attend the 2011 Somme Pilgrimage taking place 28 June - 2 July 2011 at a cost of £595 + insurance.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: - None.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Ethos – Bringing Service to Life
- Get Set – The Newsletter from Digital UK
- North East Business Magazine
- Business Today Magazine
- Mapping Volunteer Involving Organizations in Northern Ireland
- Invest Northern Ireland – Review 2009/10
- The National Trust – Be Inspired, Corporate Supporters Scheme
- Rural Matters – Newsletter for Rural Homeowners and Tenants
- Housing Executive – Rural Review Annual Progress Report on the Implementation of the HE Rural Action Plan
- Education Investor, News and Views on the Business of Learning

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Opening of Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Ghleann na Ró: It was agreed that members would be updated with regard to the opening of the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre at the October 2010 Development Services meeting.

Meeting with Rural Development Programme Manager: It was agreed that the RDP Manager would meet with elected representatives on Tuesday 12 October at 2 pm. It was suggested that the Chamber of Trade & Commerce should also be in attendance.

Roads Service Autumn Consultation: It was agreed that Roads Service would present their Autumn Consultation to Council at the Planning & Services meeting on 16 November 2010.

Closure of Road Service Sub Office: Members requested that a formal letter of objection to the closure of Roads Service sub office in Limavady be forwarded to the Divisional Roads Manager.

NEXT MEETING: - 1 November 2010.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.55 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting