

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
5 NOVEMBER 2013**

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

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor G Mullan.

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive and the Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: - Alderman G Robinson

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 1 October 2013 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman J Rankin, seconded by Councillor S McGlinchey.

MATTERS ARISING: - None

MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The minutes of Audit Committee meeting held 14 June 2013 were approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor Brolly.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT:

The Chief Executive presented his report for November 2013. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey subject to the following:

Local Government Reform:

Statutory Transition Committee (STC): The minutes of Statutory Transition Committee meeting held on 26 September 2013 were presented for information. The Chief Executive informed members as agreed at the STC meeting Limavady Borough Council was the STC's lead financial Council and Coleraine Borough Council the lead administration Council.

Regional Transition Committee (RTC): The Chief Executive informed members the next RTC meeting would be held on 27 November 2013 in the Guildhall, Derry.

DOE Guidance Issued To Councils

5th Tranche – Community Planning Foundation Programme: The Chief Executive informed members the Community Planning Foundation Programme was a non-statutory guidance and stated the programme had been developed as part of the preparations for the reform of local government and was intended to help both Statutory Transition Committees, the new councils and their community planning partners to prepare for community planning in advance of the introduction of the statutory community planning duty in April 2015.

3rd Tranche Guidance – Revised Expenditure Controls: The Chief Executive confirmed capital contracts of £250,000, land disposal in excess of £100,000 and non-capital contracts of £100,000 and above could not proceed by individual Councils unless agreed by the Statutory Transition Committee, he responded to a members query and confirmed all 4 Councils have on-going capital and non-capital projects and stated the information on the existing projects would be taken to the STC. He informed members that officers were currently considering how best to implement Council's 3 year capital plans and 3 year revenue plans for approval by the STC.

4th Tranche Guidance – Application of Regulation 18(3): The Chief Executive outlined details of the guidance and stated "A Statutory Transition Committee may appoint other staff to the new Councils...as it deems appropriate" but stated it would not be used for any wholesale recruitment of new posts.

Consultation Report – Delivering the right ICT Option to support Local Government Reform: It was agreed officers collate and recommend suggestions on the Consultation Response Questionnaire for approval by members.

Magilligan Prison: The Chief Executive informed members the next meeting of the Magilligan Elected Members' Liaison Group would be held on 10 December 2013 at 2pm in Ballymoney Borough Council.

Review of Local Government Staff Commission: The Chief Executive presented the synopsis of responses to the consultation Council submitted in October 2012 and the DOE's response for information.

Corporate Risk Register 2013-14: The Corporate Risk Register was approved by members.

Scorecard Report: The Integrated Business Plan Scorecard Report was presented to members for information.

NI Commission for Children & Young People: The Chief Executive confirmed further research would be carried out to obtain information on what the endorsement of the Participation Policy Statement of Intent would entail for Council.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:

- Western Health and Social Care Trust – 5 September 2013
- Northern Group Building Control Committee – 9 October 2013

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS A ROBINSON AND J MCCORKELL:

Councillor Robinson proposed, seconded by Councillor McCorkell

“That this Council

Recognises that human trafficking and exploitation is a growing problem in Northern Ireland; Believes that existing statistics regarding the number of people trafficked in to Northern Ireland do not reflect the scale of the problem and are only the “tip of the iceberg” in regard to the scale of the problem; Believes that no human being should be subjected to: sexual exploitation, enforced labour or domestic servitude and condemns those who engage in human trafficking; Believes that more action should be undertaken to support those who have escaped from exploitation and to punish those who exploit them, and accordingly; Calls upon the Northern Ireland Assembly to endorse the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provision and Support for Victims) Bill.”

The motion was declared carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR E STEVENSON:

Councillor E Stevenson proposed:

“That this Council

Recognises that Northern Ireland has a high prevalence of poor mental health; notes that a previous World Mental Health survey stated that the Province has the world's highest recorded rate of post-traumatic stress disorder and that violence had been a distinctive cause of mental health problems here; acknowledges that trauma, is one of the most hidden legacy issues of the Troubles; accepts the need to support and restore good mental health for those with difficulties at present across Limavady Borough Council area; and therefore calls for the creation of a new International Mental Health Centre for Northern Ireland that would be a world class facility for all.”

The motion was seconded by Alderman J Rankin and declared carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY LISBURN CITY COUNCIL:

The following resolution submitted by Lisburn City Council was noted:

‘This Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills expressing opposition to the privatisation of Royal Mail due to its potential impact on post offices in Lisburn, Northern Ireland and across the UK.’

CONSULTATIONS: -

Members reviewed the consultation list for November 2013. It was agreed that the Corporate Policy Officer would draft a response on behalf of members to the following consultation:

- ✓ Revised Draft Planning Policy Statement 15 – Planning and Flood Risk: *A member expressed his concern regarding developers submitting a flood risk assessment and the cost this would bear on individuals.*

COURSES/CONFERENCES: -

- Responsibilities of Planning Committees, Wednesday 13 November 2013, Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Craigavon - agreed Councillors Douglas, McCaul and Nicholl would attend at a cost of £20.
- NAC Annual General Meeting and Conference, Saturday 22 November 2013, Belfast City Hall – agreed Alderman Coyle attend at a cost of £60.
- Somme Pilgrimage for the 98th Anniversary, 28 June 2014 to 2 July 2014 – Councillor Douglas requested two spaces be held but he would confirm definite attendance in a few days. Agreed.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- ♦ Cultural Fusions Programme – Our Heritage: Exploration, Participation & Shared Perspectives
- ♦ Becoming a School Governor - for people from all walks of life 2013/14
- ♦ Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission – The Display of Flags, Symbols and Emblems in Northern Ireland
- ♦ NILCOSC Annual Report and Accounts 2012/13
- ♦ The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland Annual Report 2012/13

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: - None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Roads Service – Protestant Street, Limavady: It was agreed a letter be written to Roads Service proposing the introduction of a ‘residential parking scheme’ in the Protestant Street area from the Filling Station to Massey Avenue to help discourage public from parking in the area all day which prevents residents parking near their homes, a member stated he felt the pay station situated in Main Street car park had an effect on public parking in residential areas. A member expressed concern on the increase of traffic speed on William Street, Limavady.

Roe Valley Chamber of Commerce – Shop Window Display Competition: The Mayor, Councillor G Mullan informed members he had the pleasure of attending and judging the shop window competition which hosted an array of excellent displays and suggested Council work alongside the Roe Valley Chamber of Commerce to encourage further business participation.

Benone Beach: A member raised concerns regarding the increase in dog fouling on Benone Beach and the danger of the slippery surface of the boards on the boardwalk leading to the beach. The Chief Executive informed members a meeting with officers to discuss Benone was taking place in due course and the issues raised would be included on the agenda.

IN COMMITTEE on the proposal of Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor McCorkell.

Brighter Hoard Gold: The Chief Executive informed members that representatives from the National Museum in Dublin were assessing the security

measures in place at the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre on Wednesday 6 November 2013 and if satisfactory, publicity would be launched, invitations mailed to members and the Brighter Gold would arrive in Limavady on Monday 11 November 2013. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

NEXT MEETING: - 3 December 2013.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.45PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting