

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**5 DECEMBER 2005**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

**In Attendance:** Committee Clerk, Building Control Manager, Environmental Health Manager and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors M Carten, A Robinson and Director of Environmental Services.

**CONDOLENCE:**

It was agreed that a letter of condolence would be forwarded to the Director of Environmental Services on the death of his brother in law.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 7 November 2005 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

None.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS –  
DECEMBER 2005:**

***Building Control Department:***

The Building Control report detailing applications approved, acknowledged and issued between 2 November and 29 November 2005 were tabled and noted.

**Licences:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin that the following licences would be issued.

Entertainment - St Josephs Parochial Hall, Fincairn, Feeny and Foreglen Community Association, 267 Foreglen Road, Dungiven.

Petroleum Spirits Storage – Mr D Nicholl, Torcross Ltd, 172 Clooney Road, Greysteel.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Environmental Health Manager presented the Environmental Health Report and enlarged thereon. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin subject to the following:

**Noise Nuisance from Ready Mix Cement Operation:** The Environmental Services Manager reminded members that in October 2005 a complaint regarding noise nuisance from a Ready Mix Cement operation had been reported. She said although a Noise Abatement Notice had been served, the complainant continued to be disturbed by early morning noise and subsequent to this, further monitoring had been carried out, which indicated that the noise nuisance had not been abated within the specified 21 day time period. She recommended that the matter be referred to Council's solicitor with a view to instigating legal proceedings for breach of the statutory notice. Agreed.

***Technical Services Department:***

The Building Control Manager presented the Technical Services Report and enlarged thereon. The report was adopted, on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Brolly subject to the following:

**Waste Management & Recycling Awareness Schemes:** The Building Control Manager reported that £2,650 remained from the Environment and Heritage Service School Recycling funding and this would be used to purchase recycling containers for internal and external use within schools. Members noted that a small number of wormeries would also be ordered for local primary schools.

Alderman Rankin said that whilst Limavady Borough Council were playing a big part in waste management by meeting recycling targets, Council should not be complacent and said serious consideration should be given to charging for bin collection.

Alderman Rankin was nominated to the North West Region Waste Management Committee on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Stevenson.

**Garvagh Road Pitch:** The Building Control Manager informed members that new Gaelic posts were ready for fitting at the Garvagh Road pitch and that the cost for erection of a ball-stop fence behind the goal posts next to the road would be between £3,000 and £4,000. It was agreed that Councillor Ó hOisín would discuss with the Director of Environmental Services if a ball-stop fence would be provided at the other end of the pitch.

**Scroggy Road Pitch:** Alderman Rankin referred to misuse of Scroggy Road pitch and said it was worrying that additional fences were needed to protect the pitch from damage by people gaining access and playing golf. In response to Councillor Coyle, the Building Control Manager agreed to investigate the possibility of spot checks at the pitch during evenings and at weekends.

**Grass Cutting:** Members welcomed that undergrowth and long grass had been sprayed and cutback in the Back Burn Park area behind St Mary's and Limavady High School to eliminate cover for anti-social behaviour. Alderman Robinson

said there was a rodent problem to the rear of houses in Connell Street and suggested Council cutback this area as well.

Councillor Cubitt said the Deputy Head of St Mary's School had expressed thanks to Council officers for getting the area cleared so quickly.

Councillor Ó hOisín explained that a number of road names had been damaged by grass cutters and suggested Council spray around these to make them visible during the grass cutting season.

**Christmas Lighting:** The Building Control Manager outlined that all festoons and Christmas lights had been erected in Limavady, Dungiven and Ballykelly. He said stormy conditions had caused the Christmas tree at Magilligan to break but this had since been replaced.

Members voiced their disappointment that stones and other items had been thrown at Council employees following the switch on of the Christmas lights at Greysteel. Councillor McElhinney apologised for the incident on behalf of the residents of Greysteel and said this was done by 11 year old children, who had also stoned and broken a gritting lorry window.

#### **RESTRUCTURING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

The Chief Executive suggested that decision on restructuring of Council meetings be deferred until the Monthly meeting to be held 21 December 2005. Agreed.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**O'Cahans Place:** Councillor Coyle requested that name plates be erected at O'Cahans Place.

**Pollution of the River Roe:** Councillor Ó hOisín referred to pollution of the River Roe and queried if those responsible would be prosecuted. Alderman Rankin queried if Council was in possession of all the facts or if evidence had been hidden. After discussion, it was agreed that the Chief Executive would write in the strongest terms to the Environment Heritage Service requesting an update regarding any prosecution.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

It was agreed that the date of next meeting would be arranged after agreement on restructuring of Council meeting.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 8.30 pm)**