

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

**SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**6 MAY 2008**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk and Director of Support Services

**APOLOGIES:**

Alderman G. Robinson, Councillors L Cubitt, and B Douglas.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 1 April 2008 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Robinson.

**MATTERS ARISING:** - None.

**PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:**

The payment of accounts for the month of March 2008 was approved on the proposal of Councillor Chivers. Seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**IN COMMITTEE** on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten.

The Director of Support Services presented the Human Resources Report dated 6 May 2008 which detailed recruitment & selection, employee training & development and absenteeism. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following:

- It was agreed that Councils best wishes would be forwarded to Andy Ussher on his recent retirement.

**OUT OF COMMITTEE** on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

**NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR P BUTCHER:**

Councillor Butcher proposed:

‘That this council notes with concern the job losses in the construction industry in recent times and calls on the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to establish a working relationship with all his Executive colleagues and key stakeholders from the industry to devise a strategy aimed at creating further opportunities and sustaining jobs in this sector.’

The motion was seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín and after a short debate by members was declared unanimously carried.

**NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR B CHIVERS:**

Councillor Chivers proposed:

“That this council expresses concern about the lack of access to Health Service dental treatment across all Health Board areas; and calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to urgently bring forward an action plan to address the problem.”

A short discussion took place on waiting times to receive orthodontic treatment and local dentists refusing to take on new clients. The motion was seconded by Councillor Butcher and carried unanimously.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- It was queried why the playpark at Benone had been closed during the May Day bank holiday as there had been queues of disappointed children looking to get access to the facility. It was agreed that the query would be passed to the Director of Development.
- Members were informed that Limvady would be featured in The One show on Wednesday 7 May 2008 at 7 pm.
- Councillor Coyle thanked members and officers for supporting him during his year as Chair of the Support Services committee.

**NEXT MEETING:** - 3 June 2008.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 7.15 pm)**

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_