

LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
6 DECEMBER 2011

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.25 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor S McGlinchey

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 1 November 2011 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin.

MATTERS ARISING:

Consultation - Proposal for a Special Advisors Bill: Councillor Douglas voiced his disappointment that the above consultation had been noted as in his opinion a formal response should have been issued by Council. The Chief Executive said he would look back at the comments made when the consultation was debated.

Lighting - War Memorial: The Chief Executive confirmed that he had written to the United Services Club to advise that Council would cover the cost of lighting at the War Memorial and that a new meter would be installed.

Support for a Clean up of Limavady: A member asked that his concerns about a clean up of Limavady be noted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT:

The Chief Executive presented his report for December 2011 which was adopted on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

RPA/ICE Programme: The Chief Executive outlined that included in the Executive's draft Programme for Government (PFG) was the intention to establish the new 11 Council model for local government by 2015, with arrangements in place for shadow Councils in 2014. He said that a consultation was taking place on the PFG until February 2012. He added that in the meantime the current DOE Minister had declared his preference for a 15 Council model.

The Chief Executive highlighted that it had been agreed at an induction meeting that Councillor Jenny Palmer (DUP, Lisburn City Council) would Chair the ICE programme Regional Governance Group for year 1 and that the inaugural meeting would be held on 25 January 2012.

Loan Sanction Approval – Soft Play Area RVLC: It was agreed that the Economic Appraisal approved at the November 2011 Development Committee meeting for a soft play area at RVLC costing £70,000 would be forwarded to the DoE to request loan sanction approval.

Dungiven Household Recycling Centre: Council approved the tender submitted by William Doherty Construction for provision of a recycling centre at Dungiven at a cost of £577,319. Council also approved the tender for site investigation work submitted by Ground Check Ltd in the sum of £6,185.75.

A member indicated that he would have liked additional time to review the tender documents which had been tabled at the meeting.

Budget Setting & Rates Estimates: It was agreed that a workshop to discuss the rates would be held at 7 pm on Monday 19 December 2011.

January Meeting Dates: It was agreed that the meetings in January would be reschedule as follows:

Support Service/Monthly meeting	10 January 2012
Development Committee meeting	17 January 2012
Planning & Services/Environmental Services	24 January 2012.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:

- ◆ Western Health & Social Care Trust – 1 September 2011

CONSULTATIONS:

The following consultation documents were reviewed by members:

- DHSSPS – The Mental Health (Private Hospitals) submission by 23 January 2012: *Noted by Council.*
- Department of Justice – The Upper Age Limit for Jury Service, submission by 10 February 2012: *Noted by Council.*
- OFM/DFM – Programme for Government 2011-15, submission by 22 February 2012. *Individual parties to respond. It was stressed that parties should lobby for additional funds to the north west.*

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

Attendance at the following courses/conferences was agreed:

- ◆ Chief Executive and the Head of Human Resources to attend the Local Government Staff Commission conference ‘Developing a Change Culture in Local Government on 8 & 9 December 2011 in La Mon Hotel & Country Club. Fee £150 + VAT.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

The Debenture between Council and Feeny Community Association regarding £73,604 for a new community facility was signed and sealed.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- CiNI Annual Report 2011
- Housing Rights Review – Northern Ireland’s Housing Law and Policy Journal, Issue 24, November 2011
- RSPB – Conservation Planner Autumn 2011, Issue 35
- Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, Annual Report
- Groundwork Northern Ireland, Annual Review 2010/11
- Local Government and Public Health Agency Community Planning Initiative, Developing Effective Governance Arrangements to Support Health Improvement Working at Sub-Regional Level
- NIEA – Drinking Water Quality in Northern Ireland 2010
- Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament Report 2011
- Housing Executive, Housing Research Bulletin, Issue 12, Autumn 2011
- Equality Commission – Annual Report & Accounts 2010/11

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Attendance at Events: The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Orla Beattie was praised by Alderman Robinson for her attendance at several events. The Mayor thanked Councillor Beattie for attending the appointments on his behalf during the course of the year.

In response to a member, the Chief Executive confirmed that no senior officers had been available to attend the recent Remembrance Sunday service. He said that every effort would be made to ensure that a senior member of staff was in attendance in future though it could not be insisted upon.

The Mayor extended seasons greeting to elected members, senior officers, employees of Council and to the press.

NEXT MEETING: - 10 January 2012.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 7:55 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting