

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
7 JANUARY 2014**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor G Mullan.

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive and the Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor B Chivers and S McGlinchey.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 3 December 2013 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor A Brolly, seconded by Councillor A Robinson.

MATTERS ARISING: -

Page 1 – Presentation by Windwatch NI: A member made an observation on the presentation by Dr Kane at the meeting on 3 December 2013. He stated the views by Dr Kane were one sided and indeed very strong. He advised members to be prepared to hear both sides around the issues and effects of windfarms.

Page 2 – Magilligan Prison: The Chief Executive responded to a members query and informed her that the Magilligan Elected Members' Liaison Group meeting had not taken place and a date had not yet been confirmed, she advised the Chief Executive should work placements be required in the future she could assist.

MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The minutes of Audit Committee meeting held 17 December 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor A Robinson, seconded by Councillor J McCorkell.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT:

The Chief Executive presented his report for January 2014. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted subject to the following:

Local Government Reform:

Tabled item: **Regional Transition Committee (RTC):** The Chief Executive directed members to the draft note from the Regional Transition Committee meeting on 27 November 2013 and summarised the contents therein.

Additional Item: **Development of former Shackleton Barracks site, Ballykelly/Limavady:** The Chief Executive informed members a workshop to identify further opportunities, ideas and concepts for the development of Shackleton Barracks would be held on Tuesday 14 January 2014 at 2.30pm in the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre. Members were encouraged to bring their associated clubs/organisations interests to the workshop.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:

- Western Health and Social Care Trust Board Meeting – 7 November 2013.

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR E SCOTT:

Councillor E Scott proposed:

“That this Council

In light of the recent support expressed by the DCAL Minister in Stormont, pursues the joint development of a permanent display about the Brighter Hoard, including replica pieces, in conjunction with DCAL as an additional tourist product which Limavady Borough Council can advertise to attract an increased number of visitors.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor J McCorkell and declared carried unanimously.

Comments from the discussion that followed were:

- Opportunity to bring extra footfall to the town.
- A Brighter Hoard hologram located in the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre was well worth a visit.
- Opportunity to provide tours and share stories of the Borough.
- It would provide a lot of aspects for tourism.
- We have so much to be proud and boastful of.
- A request was made for Officers to investigate the recent funding made available for heritage sites.

CONSULTATIONS: -

Members reviewed the consultation list for January 2014. Members reviewed the consultation list for January 2014. There were no comments made by members for submission by the consultation deadlines.

COURSES/CONFERENCES: -

The Chief Executive presented members with additional courses/conferences not listed on the agenda. It was agreed the additional courses/conferences would be passed to members for consideration.

- It was agreed that Alderman M Coyle would attend the Border Development Zone Conference, being held on 30 – 31 January 2014 in Cavan Crystal Hotel, Cavan.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Ninety First Annual Report of the Registrar General for Northern Ireland www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp50.htm
- Chief Executives' Forum Annual Report 2012-2013
- CiNI's (Children in Northern Ireland) Annual Report 2013
- The Irish Football Association Strategic Plan 2013/2018
- AMAI Spring Seminar 2014 – www.amai.ie
- Equality Commission for NI - Annual Fair Employment Monitoring Report No.23 – Summary Report
- WELB Annual Report & Accounts 2012/13
- An Stratéis 2002-2014 – Partnership and Collaboration in Donegal

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: - None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Reusable Bags: A member asked that a small quantity of reusable bags be issued to traders in Dungiven and Ballykelly following the success of the one day scheme in Limavady town centre. He stated it would help encourage members of the public to reuse bags and help to push the area.

Magilligan Point, Coastal Erosion: A member expressed his concern with the coastal erosion at Magilligan Point and stated it was now encroaching on the car-park and the old slipway and had become very dangerous. It was agreed an internal discussion take place between Officers to devise a strategy.

NEXT MEETING: - 4 February 2014.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.40PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting