

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

**7 APRIL 2009**

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

**PRESENT:**

**In the Chair:** Councillor Chivers.

Aldermen J Rankin and G Robinson. Councillors P Butcher, M Carten, M Coyle, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, Councillor Ó hOisín, A Robinson, J F McElhinney and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - Alderman G Mullan. Councillors A Brolly and B Douglas.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting held 3 March 2009 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Carten.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

- Members were informed that nominations to the Secretary of State's Garden Party were being dealt with through the Development Directorate.

**MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD 11 DECEMBER 2008:**

The minutes of Audit Committee meeting held 11 December 2008 were tabled and noted. Members expressed sincere thanks to officers for their help in the course of the internal audits. Members also indicated that it should be noted that this year the Auditor had praised Limavady Borough Council for its strategic practices and to the excellent work of the Audit Committee.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – APRIL 2009:**

**Integrated Business Plan:** The Chief Executive presented the newly formulated Integrated Business Plan for 2009/10. He said that this brought together all the key business objectives across the various Council departments and that process on the plan would be reported on quarterly. The Integrated Business Plan for 2009/10 was approved by Council.

**RPA Update:** The Chief Executive updated members on further guidance issued on the work to be carried out by Transition Committees and Transition Management Teams. He listed the key issues to be examined by the groups and summarised criteria on making future decisions/projects of existing Councils. It

was noted that further guidance would set out a work programme of key milestones to guide the process and that the programme for reconstituting the current Voluntary Transition Committees as Statutory Transition Committees would depend upon legislation coming into force, possible in January 2010.

**Loan Sanction Approval:** It was agreed that loan sanction approval would be sought for the conversion of the squash court at Roe Valley Leisure Centre into a spin aerobics studio at a cost of £30,000.

**Procurement Policy:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin that the revised Procurement Policy and Procedures which detailed the steps to be taken for tendering processes, award of contracts and various preformaes to be utilised would be approved.

**EQIA Update:** Members were advised that the consultation period on decision to extend the use of the bilingual logo concluded on 3 April 2009 and that the responses would be subject to a full analysis before final report being prepared for Council. Members were also advised that the period of consultation had been extended for Council Depot.

**Communication Workers Union – Support for Royal Mail Campaign:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that Council would support the campaign to “Keep the Royal Mail Public” by the Northern Ireland Region of the Communication Workers Union.

**Association of Northern Ireland & Education & Library Boards:** Council decided due to economic downturn not to support the celebratory event by the Association of Northern Ireland Education & Library Boards to recognise the associations’ relationship with the local Education and Library Board.

## CONSULTATIONS:

It was agreed that the Corporate Policy Officer would respond on Council’s behalf to the following consultation documents:

- ◆ Department for Regional Development - Environmental and Social Guidance for Water and Sewerage Services (2010 – 2013) – 8 May 2009
- ◆ Loughs Agency – Proposed Regulations for the Licensing, Management and Development of the Aquaculture in Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough – 19 May 2009
- ◆ Department of Education – Draft Teachers’ (Compensation for redundancy and Premature Retirement) Regulations – 15 May 2009: *Council was of the view that the early retirement by teachers would give newly trained teachers the chance to gain experience in their chosen field. Council did not agree to the practice of retired teachers returning as substitute teachers when so many qualified teachers were unemployed. Council acknowledges that certain specialised teachers has a wealth of knowledge to share with newly trained teachers.*
- ◆ Northern Ireland Office – Future Arrangements for Local Partnership Working on Policing and Community Safety – 30 April 2009: *Council agreed in principle to the DPP and CSP integrating. It was acknowledged that both groups worked in separate ways and that there were practical difficulties to be resolved.*

**COURSES/CONFERENCES:**

- It was agreed that the Director of Development would attend the 'From Neighbourhood Renewal to Community Planning' conference to be held Wednesday 15 April 2009 in the Europa Hotel, Belfast at a cost of £70+VAT.

**SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:** - None.

**CORRESPONDENCE TABLED FOR INFORMATION:**

- HM Treasure – savings in Presbyterian Mutual Society
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office – conflict in Gaza
- Northern Ireland Environment Agency – Water Information Days
- Department of Education – Transfer 2010
- Department of Social Development – Increase in Women's State Pension Age

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** - None.

**FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

- ◆ Northern Ireland Policing Plan – 2009/12
- ◆ National Heart Forum's Annual Review 2007/08
- ◆ Ulster Council GAA – Ulster GAA Strategic Vision and Action Plan
- ◆ Health Promotion Agency – A Health Legacy 20 years of the Health Promotion Agency for Northern Ireland
- ◆ Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – Family Matters: Supporting Families in Northern Ireland
- ◆ International Fund for Ireland – Working together to build peace. The International Fund for Ireland Annual Report & Accounts 2008
- ◆ Western Health and Social Services Board – Past Achievements Future Directions: Legacy Report 1973/2009
- ◆ Arvato Government Services – Transformation Programme: all the elements to transform your organisation successfully
- ◆ Health Promotion Agency – Childhood Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in Northern Ireland

**NEXT MEETING:** - 5 May 2009.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 8.20 pm)**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Meeting