

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

7 SEPTEMBER 2010

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.45 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor Carten

Aldermen M Coyle, J Rankin and Alderman Robinson. Councillors P Butcher, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, B Douglas, G Mullan, C Ó hOisín and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - Councillors B Chivers, J F McElhinney and A Robinson.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- It was agreed that a letter of congratulations from Council would be sent to Rev Mawhinney on receiving an MBE for voluntary services to education in Limavady.
- Members congratulated the Mayor Councillor Carten for completing the 12 mile charity cycle ride which raised over £9K for the Northern Ireland Hospice.

MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 3 AUGUST 2010:

The minutes of meeting held 3 August 2010 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2010:

Northern Area Plan (NAP) 2016 – Latest Developments: The Chair welcomed residents from Shanreagh Park who had seated in the viewing gallery.

Members were reminded that the NAP had been held up since 2005 pending the outcome of Judicial Reviews. Since these had now been dropped, Planning Service were progressing to the next stage in the process, which would involve an Independent Examination to consider objections lodged in 2005. As part of the process, all original objectors were invited to confirm if they wished to pursue or withdraw their objections to the plan by 3 September 2010.

A copy of documents sent to the objectors in the Shanreagh Park area regarding the proposed re-zoning of open space was circulated to members. The Chief Executive reported that given the deadline of 3 September 2010, Council consultant Michael Graham had responded confirming no change to Council's objections at this stage.

There followed a discussion in which Council unanimously reaffirmed its objection to re-zoning the open space area at Shanreagh Park. It was agreed that a workshop would be held with Michael Graham on 28 September 2010 to discuss changes to the NAP since 2005.

RPA Update: Following the postponement of RPA, Minister Poots, NILGA and SOLACE agreed to progress work aimed at identifying processes to ensure efficiencies, savings and improvements through collaboration. At a NILGA engagement meeting in July 2010 it had been agreed that local government should take the lead in the development of an agenda referred to as the ICE (Improvement, Collaboration and Efficiency) Programme and following this, one of the ICE working group had prepared a paper which looked at Governance structures to bring collaboration forward summarised in the following options:

1. status quo, no new central structures, 26 councils free to co-operate or not
2. regional collaboration group comprised of councillors willing to take part
3. retain Voluntary Transition committees and Transition Management Teams and add in a regional layer based on the 11 clusters of proposed councils.

Members were informed that NILGA were consulting with Councils on the governance proposals and on a set of eight operational principles based on those already in place in the sub-regional waste management groups.

In the debate which followed, members expressed reservations at the proposals and it was suggested there was no need to agree a structure as council should be collaborating with each other on obtaining efficiencies anyway. Some members indicated that they were awaiting their party policy on the issue.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Chief Executive would inform NILGA that Council was unable to agree on any of the options, however, Council was in favour of collaboration and would be willing to look at emerging structures.

Sustainable Development Implementation Plan Consultation Event: It was agreed that Councillor Ó hOisín, Councillor Cubitt and Alderman Coyle would attend the above event to be held on 28 September 2010 in Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown.

Scorecard Report: The scorecard report for the period March to June 2010 was noted.

Health & Safety Policy: The updated Health & Safety Policy June 2010 was adopted by Council.

Charity Fun Run/Walk Day: The Chief Executive forward the request for £500 financial support for a charity fun event held 28 August 2010 to the Good Relations Officer.

RDP – Lag Committee: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin that Councillor Stevenson would replace Alderman Rankin on the RDP Lag committee.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:

- Western Health & Social Care Trust – 3 June 2010
- Northern Group Building Control Committee – 27 May 2010.

RESOLUTION FROM NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL:

The resolution submitted by Newtownabbey Borough Council requesting that legislation be introduced to make it compulsory that carbon monoxide monitors be fitted when gas applications were being installed was tabled and noted.

CONSULTATIONS:

Members reviewed the following consultation documents and the responses were noted as followed:

- DHSSPS – Guidance on the Termination of Pregnancy in Northern Ireland: Submission by 22 October 2010: *No comment.*
- Department of Employment and Learning – Regulations to Prohibit the Blacklisting of Trade Unionists: Submission by 20 October 2010: *Council welcome the fact the regulations would be introduced to prohibit blacklisting of trade unionists.*
- DoE – Marine Licensing System: Submission by 3 November 2010: *No comment.*

The Chief Executive indicated that the way in which Council dealt with consultations would be reviewed to help identify those consultations that most needed a response. It was agreed that a link would be put on the consultation list to direct members where to view consultation documents.

The Chief Executive advised that he would be bringing a recommendation to the Development Services meeting on the DoE consultation on proposal to amend the Landfill Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003. It was agreed that a copy of the consultation document would be e mailed to members.

COURSES/CONFERENCES: - None.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: - None.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Public Health Agency – Director of Public Health, Annual Report 2009
- UNISON – The Value of Trade Union Involvement to Service Delivery, A Unison Report
- Invest Northern Ireland – 2nd Progress Report on Invest NI’s Corporate Plan 2008-2011, Equality Impact Assessment
- QPA – The Aggregates Levy Credit Scheme
- Parades Commission for Northern Ireland – Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2009

- Black & Minority Ethnic and Migrant Worker Mapping Update
- Consumer Focus Post – First Class Mail... Next working day service?
- Northern Ireland Tourist Board – The Review, Our Performance in 2009/10
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive 39th Annual Report 1 April 09 - 31 March 2010.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Robbery at Drumsurn Post Office: It was agreed that a letter would be forwarded to Councillor Chivers to wish her a speedy recovery following the ordeal she endured during a robbery at Drumsurn Post Office.

Application for Occasional Licence: Council approved the application from Shamrock and Thistle Tradition for occasional licence at Benone Tourist Complex during the Eddie Butcher Music & Singing Festival to be held Saturday 11 September 2010.

Application for Liquor Licence: It was agreed that subject to no adverse comments from the Fire Service and the PSNI, that the application from Willis & Ryan McLaughlin for provisional grant and final grant of a liquor licence for The Pub (Sweet) 42 – 43 Catherine Street would be approved.

NEXT MEETING: - 5 October 2010.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.15 pm)**

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting