

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

**08 APRIL 2010**

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 Ó hOisín.

Aldermen M Coyle, J Rankin and Alderman Robinson. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, B Douglas, G Mullan, J F McElhinney, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - None.

**MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 2 MARCH 2010:**

The minutes of meeting held 2 March 2010 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

**PRESENTATION BY FIRMUS ENERGY:**

It was noted that the Firmus Energy presentation had been rescheduled to the Planning & Services meeting to be held 20 April 2010.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Anti-Social Behaviour – Wisners Lane:** Members outlined that whilst the Leisure Centre Manager had been contacted about anti-social behaviour at Wisners Lane, the problem continued to persist and that gates were the only solution to the problem.

**MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of Audit Committee held 16 December were tabled and noted.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – APRIL 2010:**

**RPA Update:** The Chief Executive outlined that the Strategic Leadership Board would consider alternative proposals from local government to the PWC Business Organisation/Single Waste Authority approach to achieving cost savings and that following this, a clearer picture would be known on the likelihood of the new Councils being formed by May 2011. He said that the minutes of Transition Committee meeting held 25 February 2010 had been circulated for information.

**Corporate Risk Register:** The Chief Executive presented a progress report on Council's Corporate Risk Register for 2009/10. He gave an overview of control measures employed to minimise the risks identified and said that the register had been accepted by the Audit Committee on 10 March 2010. The Corporate Risk Register was approved by Council.

**NILGA Representatives:** Alderman Rankin was nominated as a NILGA substitute in the event of other members being unable to attend NILGA meetings.

**Integrated Business Plan Update:** The Chief Executive presented the scorecard report for the period January - March 2010, which showed that 86% of actions within the Integrated Business Plan had been achieved, 11% had not been fully achieved but were retrievable and 3% of actions had not been achieved or were aborted. He said that the Integrated Business Plan for 2010/11 was currently being prepared and would be presented to Council for approval once completed.

**Name of the Cultural Centre – Policy Screening:** It was agreed that a copy of the Policy Screening document on bi-lingual name for Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre would be forwarded to members for discussion at the April 2010 Planning & Services meeting.

**Armed Forces Day:** A letter was circulated from the Ministry of Defence, Whitehall inviting local authorities to take part in a national 'Fly a Flag' campaign to mark Armed Forces Day on 26 June 2010.

A discussion took place about the flying of flags in the Borough, with some members being of the view that the Union Flag was the flag of the country and should be flown, whilst the opposing view was that the flying of flags incited and lead to complaints.

After further discussion, Councillor Brolly proposed seconded by Councillor Butcher that Council adhere to its No Flag Flying policy and that an appropriate reply would be sent to the request. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 9 for, 5 against.

**Presentation to Council:** It was agreed that representatives from NILGA would attend the 4 May 2010 Monthly Council meeting to discuss their business plan and subscription fees for the year ahead.

**NILGA Communication Noted:** The following letters of communication copied to members were noted.

- Cut in General Grant (Resources Element) – this had been responded to
- Flags, Bunting and Emblems – Larne Borough Council
- NILGA's support for the Autism Bill
- Management and Monitoring of Engagement with NILGA.

**EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:**

- o Western Group Environmental Health Committee – 8 December 2009
- o Northern Group Building Control Committee – 25 February 2010
- o Western Health & Social Care Trust – 3 December 2009.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

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

- Northern Ireland Court Service – Provision to Allow the Public Prosecution Service to Commence Proceedings without Recourse to a Lay Magistrate: *Deadline 23 April 2010.*
- Department of Social Development – Draft Regeneration and Housing Bill: *Comment to this consultation would be delivered through the Environmental Services Committee. Deadline 26 April 2010.*
- Department of the Environment – A New Road Safety Strategy for NI 2010/2020: *Members were not opposed to recommendations in the consultation document. Deadline 15 June 2010.*
- DEFRA – Marine Licensing Enforcement, Monetary Penalties and Appeals Against Statutory Notices: *Deadline 1 June 2010.*
- Northern Ireland Office – Local Partnership Working on Policing and Community Safety Consultation Document: *Response unchanged from the first consultation document on partnership working. Deadline 6 May 2010.*
- Committee for the Environment, NI Assembly – Local Government (Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill: *Deadline 16 April 2010.*
- DARD – Proposed Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Regulations: *Deadline 16 June 2010.*

**COURSES/CONFERENCES:** - None.

**SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:** - None

**FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

- National Federation of Sub Postmasters – Six Steps to a Sustainable Post Office Network
- Northern Ireland Housing Council – Members Report to Local Councils
- Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission – Annual Report & Accounts 2008/09
- CBI – Construction in the UK Economy
- Community Evaluation Northern Ireland – Measuring Up A Review of Evaluation Practice in the Voluntary & Community Sector
- POBAL – Moving Forward, Protecting the Language, Development Society
- POBAL – Annual Report 2009
- International Fund for Ireland, Annual Report & Accounts 2009
- Fuel Poverty Advisory Group Annual Review 2009
- Advice NI – Annual Report 2009
- Consumer Focus Post – Cross Border Post, improving mail services between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland
- Connections – A View from the Top
- Six Steps to a Sustainable Post Office Network – A Report by the National Federation of Sub Postmasters
- New Start - Behind the Façade, Is Regeneration just a Moment in Time for the UK's poorest Places.
- Historic Buildings Council for Northern Ireland 2007-2010

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Members welcomed that Dr Moles position as Diabetic Specialist would be retained when he retired.
- A member referred to the fact that Council had missed out for the second year running on attending the Somme celebrations and suggested that in future that a place be booked preliminarily as soon information was received on the event.

**NEXT MEETING:** - 4 May 2010.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 8.30 pm)**

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