

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
11 DECEMBER 2012**

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

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Development and Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: - None

PRESENTATION FROM MR MIKE GROCATT ON BEHALF OF RNLI BEACH LIFEGUARD SERVICE.

The Chair welcomed Mr Mike Grocatt from RNLI Beach Lifeguard Service to the meeting.

Mr Mike Grocatt gave members a brief overview on the work of RNLI Beach Lifeguard Service. He explained the importance and significance of having trained lifeguards on the beach. In 2011 12,500 visitors were recorded visiting Benone over an 8 week period and this had increased significantly in 2012, with 26,500 visitors being recorded.

Alderman G Robinson and Councillor A Robinson and Councillor J McCorkell joined the meeting at 7.10pm.

Mr Mike Grocatt explained that RNLI were encouraging other Councils to follow the lead of Limavady by putting lifeguards on beaches during the early part of the season and that there were currently 10 beaches in Northern Ireland which were RNLI Lifeguarded. He said that 70% of lifeguards were local and that lifeguards were asked to volunteer 25 hours towards delivering programmes through schools, sports clubs and community groups on the importance of beach safety.

The Chair thanked Mr Mike Grocatt for attending the meeting.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 13 November 2012 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Tony McCaul, seconded by Councillor B Chivers.

The minutes of the Irish Language Sub-Committee – Coista na Gaeilge dated 25 September were noted.

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 2 – Suicide Awareness: It was agreed that the Suicide Awareness Group in question would attend an informal meeting on a Tuesday evening in Limavady Borough Council Offices before a Council meeting. The date and time to be confirmed with members.

Page 4 – Town Centre Master Plan: The Director of Development Services informed members that all issues at the last meeting were being progressed. Councillor A Brolly queried if the Chief Executive had invited Minister Alex Attwood to visit Limavady and Dungiven to see the state of dereliction in both of these towns. It was confirmed that the Chief Executive had been in contact with the Minister and that a date had not yet been confirmed. Members will be kept updated.

Page 5 – Letter from Limavady Jazz and Blues Committee: It was agreed to hold a meeting with Members and Officers as requested by the Limavady Jazz and Blues committee, the Director of Development confirmed that the date of the requested meeting will be held on Thursday 10 January 2013 at 4pm at the Limavady Borough Council offices.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT – DECEMBER 2012:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for December 2012 and enlarged thereon.

RVLC/001 – Request from Kevin Lynch Hurling Club – Reference event on 28th December: The request for a bar to be held at the event was approved on the proposal of Councillor Anne Brolly, seconded by Councillor M Coyle.

Community Development – Applications – Community Support Plan 2012/13: Approval was given to the proposals for the allocation of funding under the Community Support Programme.

G/025 – Shackleton Barracks: It was agreed that the Director of Development Services set up a working group and also write a letter to OFMDFM expressing Council's continued interest in the Shackleton Barracks.

T/005 – Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust (CC&GHT): It was agreed that £11,000 would be set aside within the 2013/14 revenue budget towards the core costs and work of CC&GHT.

B&E/003 – Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2013-18: The draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2013-18 for the Causeway Coast & Glens cluster area was approved.

The recommendations within the report were approved on the proposal of Councillor B Chivers and Alderman Michael Coyle.

NOTICE OF MOTION – submitted by Councillor B Douglas:

Council Douglas proposed that:

“In light of the Treasury Management Mid-Year Review, presented by the Head of Finance it was stated that the £3.54m set aside for the landfill and other associated costs was now free for capital spend projects. Therefore, we proposed that this Council should commence a Borough wide consultation to find out the following:

- 1) Assess the need throughout the Borough for capital spend projects.
- 2) Rate this need within the borough according to social deprivation and other key measures.”

After discussion between members the notice of motion was put to the meeting and declared lost, with 5 members voting for and 9 against.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Monies to help fund a Christmas outing for Rossmar School: Councillor C McLaughlin proposed Council give Rossmar School £500 to help fund a Christmas outing in 2012. Approval was given to the proposal for the full monies to be given to Rossmar School.

Social Investment Fund: The Chief Executive provided an update on the Social Investment Fund and advised Council that the final date for spend under the programme had been extended by one year until March 2016.

NEXT MEETING – 15 January 2013

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.10 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting