

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
12 JUNE 2012**

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 C McLaughlin.

Aldermen M Coyle and J Rankin. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, D Nicholl, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES:

Alderman G Robinson and Councillor G Mullan.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 1 May 2012 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Brolly.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING:

The minutes of special meeting held 5 June 2012 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT:

The Chief Executive presented his report for June 2012 which was approved on the proposal of Councillor McGlinchey, seconded by Councillor Robinson subject to the following:

RPA Programme: The Chief Executive informed members that the next meeting of the Regional Transition Committee would be held on 21 June 2012. He said that the Reform Delivery Timetable had been updated and that it was expected that the draft Local Government (Boundaries) Order, with the Final Recommendations Report and a statement of Modification would go before the Assembly in June with the expectation that it would then pass into legislation. He added that following this the Northern Ireland Office would then appoint a Commissioner to develop a further Boundaries Report to establish the District Electoral Areas of the new Councils.

ICE Programme Update: The Chief Executive reported that Minister Alex Attwood was expected to attend the next Regional Governance Group meeting of the ICE programme on 13 June 2012. Noted.

Local Government Re-organisation Bill: The Chief Executive outlined that NILGA were lobbying for resources from Central Government to enable local government reform and were calling for the necessary investment to ensure that the programme was developed consistently on a task and finish basis. He said that NILGA was seeking a meeting with the First & Deputy First Minister on this matter and in preparation for this, had written to all 26 Councils with the following question:

Does Council support the view that defined and substantial investment needs to be enabled by Central Government to meet key upfront costs required for Local Government Reform?

It was agreed that the Chief Executive would inform NILGA that Council was fully supportive of the question.

Corporate Plan 2012 – 2015 and Integrated Business Plan 2012/13: The Chief Executive gave an overview of the Draft Corporate Plan 2012/15 and Integrated Business Plan for 2012/13. The Draft Corporate Plan was approved for publication.

Blue Bin Contract Update: The Chief Executive advised of recent quotations for treatment of blue bin waste and said an objection received had now been resolved.

DPP Annual Report 11/12: The District Policing Partnership concluding Report for 2011/12 was tabled and noted.

Presentations to Council: It was agreed that Elaine Way, Chief Executive of Western Health & Social Care Trust would present to Council on ‘Transforming Your Care’ proposals. It was also agreed that the Northern Ireland Veterans Advisory & Pensions Committee (AFC sub group) would present to Council about the work of the Committee.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:

- Western Health & Social Care Trust – 2 February 2012.

CONSULTATIONS:

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

- OFM/DFM - A Strategy to Improve the Lives of Disabled People. Response to be submitted by the deadline of 15 August 2012 following consultation with the Disability Working Group.
- Department of the Environment – Proposed Amendment to Driver Licensing Fees: Include in the response to be submitted by 8 July 2012 that this would impact on economy and was not appropriate in time of recession.
- Sandra Overend, MLA – Proposed Reclassification of the Horse from a Domestic to an Agricultural Animal: Respond by 3 August 2012 that Council was supportive of this bill.

COURSES/CONFERENCES: - None.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

As Burnfoot Community Association was now incorporated as a private limited company, it was agreed that a new legal document between Limavady Borough Council and Burnfoot Community Development Association for transfer of former Burnfoot School would be signed and sealed.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Clanmil Housing Association – Communique Newsletter
- Local Government Staff Commission for NI – Strategic Plan 2012-15 and Business Plan 2012-13
- QPA – Industry Journal Quarry 2012
- Post Office, Consumer Focus Post ‘A front office for government services’
- Carnegie UK, A new Chapter, Public Library Services in the 21st Century
- Patient Client Council, Young People’s Priorities on Health and Social Care
- Housing Executive – Housing Market Review 2012 – 2015
- The Consumer Council – Energising NI: An Independent Report by Lord Whitty on the Consumer Council

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Townland Names: Progress on the erection of townland names signs to be raised at the next Environmental Services meeting.

Jubilee Beacon: Concern was raised that the Jubilee Beacon had not been lit at the location advertised on Council website and in the local papers. It was agreed that in light of the number of people who were disappointed, that the beacon would be relit at Gortmore Point. The question of holding an event at Drumceatt Square was also raised.

Roe Valley Update: Concern was raised over the late delivery of Roe Valley Update. The Chief Executive agreed to ensure timely delivery of the magazine in future.

Jubilee Event in Stormont: The Chief Executive confirmed that the names of the 100 residents interested in attending the Jubilee Event being held in Stormont on 27 June 2012 were being gathered through Community Associations.

NEXT MEETING: - 7 August 2012.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.45 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting