

LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

14 JANUARY 2010

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 9.25 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor Ó hOisín.

Aldermen M Coyle, J Rankin and G 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, Director of Support Services and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - None.

MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 1 DECEMBER 2009:

The minutes of meeting held 1 December 2009 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following comment:

Page 3 – Notice of Motion: Councillor Douglas was of the opinion that the minute was unbalanced as the views of all members were not recorded. Noted.

MATTERS ARISING:

Book Launch – Dougie Bartlet: The Chief Executive confirmed that the Council Logo would be used on a book to be launched by Dougie Bartlett on the history of Limavady and that a number of copies would be purchased to be used as Council gifts.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – JANUARY 2010:

Loan Sanctions: It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Donaghy that loan sanction approval would be sought for the following projects:

- Interpretation and signage at Gortmore Viewpoint - £16,000
- Interpretation and signage at Benone - £10,000
- Provision of trail furniture & infrastructure - £10,000.

RPA Update: The Chief Executive explained that the following pieces of legislation central of the RPA was due to be approved early in 2010:

- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Bill
- Local Government Finance Bill
- Local Government (Re-Organisation Bill).

Members were circulated with copy of the latest Voluntary Transition Committee minutes of meeting held 26 November 2009 and with communiqué arising from meeting of the Local Government Reform Joint Forum held 25 November 2009.

Integrated Business Plan Update: The updated scorecard report for the period October to December 2009 was tabled for information.

Clearing of Snow and Ice from Roads and Footpaths: The Chief Executive informed members that Council was communicating with Roads Service on terms of agreement drawn up in 2004 where by Councils would assist the Department during periods of severe weather by removing snow and ice from town centre footpaths. It was felt that such an agreement should form part of the Emergency Plan for future years.

Presentation to Council: It was agreed that Mr James Simpson would present to Council on the possibility of holding a Farmers' Market in the town on 9 February 2010.

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR CUBITT:

Councillor Cubitt proposed:

“That this Council demands that the government sets up a body, similar to the ‘Murphy Commission’ to enquire into the systematic abuse of children in institutions, of all denominations.”

In the debate which followed it was unanimously agreed that Council should support any means that stopped the abuse of children, whether in institutions or elsewhere. At the suggestion of a member Councillor Cubitt agreed to amend the motion by removing the last three words.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

CONSULTATIONS:

Members reviewed the following consultation documents which were noted:

- ◆ DRD – Public Transport Reform: submission by 5 February 2010
- ◆ DOE – Local Government Pension Scheme – Classroom Assistants: submission by 19 February 2010
- ◆ BT Payphone Planning – Removal of Public Payphone, Drumsurn Road: submission by 5 March 2010
- ◆ DOE – NIEA Draft Charging Policy 2010-2013: submission by 26 February 2010:
- ◆ DSD – Proposed Housing Bill (N Ireland): submission by 26 February 2010
- ◆ DETI – Draft Offshore renewable Energy Strategic Action Plan 2009-2020 and Strategic Environmental Assessment: submission by 8 March 2010
- ◆ N Ireland Court Service – Service of Summonses in the Magistrates Courts in Northern Ireland (Proposals for Reform): submission by 15 January 2010

- ◆ Department of the Environment – The Draft Local Government (Indemnities for Members and Officers) Order (NI) 2010: submission by 31 March 2010
- ◆ NIO – Filling Casual Vacancies on District Councils: submission by 15 January 2010.

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

It was agreed that the following members/officers would attend the conferences/courses listed:

- ◆ It was agreed that Alderman Coyle, Councillor Chivers, Councillor Cubitt, Councillor Brolly, the Chief Executive and Director Environmental Services would attend the NILGA Annual Conference & Exhibition. It was also agreed that the Mayor would attend the NILGA Gala Dinner.
- ◆ It was agreed that a place would be reserved for a member to attend the Somme Association 94th Anniversary Pilgrimage.
- ◆ It was agreed that the Chief Executive would attend the Mini North South Conference, the Road to Recovery – Transforming Public Services to be held in Armagh City Hotel. Date to be confirmed.

NAMING OF CIVIC CENTRE:

The Mayor – Councillor Ó hOisín reminded members that the name for the Civic Centre had been discussed at a workshop held 8 December 2009 and that the names shortlisted were Limavady Town Hall, The Drumceatt Centre, Danny Boy Arts Centre, Brighter Arts and Culture Centre and the Keenaught Centre. He requested that members state their preference from the five shortlisted.

In the discussion which followed it was proposed that the centre be named Limavady Town Hall as this was what the new building had traditionally been called. On the other hand, it was pointed out that the building was more than a Town Hall and that the name should be appropriate to use in promotions to reflect that this was a flagship building catering for culture & the arts, not just in Limavady Town but the entire Borough. It was also suggested that the names proposed be used to name the square and other parts of the building.

Alderman Rankin proposed that the Civic Centre be called Roe Valley Arts & Culture Centre. After further debate, it was agreed that members would take time and think about this suggestion and finalise what the Civic Centre would be called at the February 2010 meeting.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: -None.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Equality Commission – Monitoring Report No 19: A profile of the Monitoring Northern Ireland Workforce
- Oaklee Housing Group – Annual Review 2008-09
- The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland – Annual Report 2008-09
- Home Energy Conservation Report 2009
- Community Relations Council – Annual Review 2008-09
- Action Against Domestic Abuse – Report into Domestic Abuse
- Housing Executive – Housing Research Bulletin

- Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency – Annual Report of the Registrar General
- CiNI - Children in Northern Ireland - Annual Report 2008/09
- Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – NI Health & Social Care Inequalities Monitoring system, third update bulletin 2009

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING: - 2 February 2010.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 10.15 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting