

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

15 FEBRUARY 2011

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle and J Rankin. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, L Cubitt (chair), M Donaghy, B Douglas, C Ó hOisín, J F McElhinney, G Mullan, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Chief Executive, Building Control Manager and Operations Manager.

APOLOGIES: - Alderman Robinson, Councillor Robinson, Councillor Donaghy and the Director Environmental Services.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 25 January 2011 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following:

Page 2, paragraph 4 – Bi-lingual Street Nameplates: Alderman Coyle requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that he had ‘proposed’ rather than ‘requested’ for the names of those asking for bilingual street names to be made available to him. He indicated that the debate on the topic had been confusing and requested that it be noted that he was disappointed that the chair had not taken a vote on his proposal, which had been made in good faith and rightly seconded.

MATTERS ARISING:

Bilingual Street Nameplates: Councillor Stevenson pointed out that the Director Environmental Services had only reminded members that the decision to refuse the request for bi-lingual name signs was contrary to Council policy after the vote had been taken.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – FEBRUARY 2011:

Building Control Department:

The Building Control Manager presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued between 1 – 31 January 2011; renewal of Bingo Licence; Property Numbering; Property Certificates issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin subject to the following:

The Building (Amendment No2) Regulation (Northern Ireland) 2010: Members were informed that the Department proposed to amend the Building Regulation for multi dwelling sites so that if work had not started on any particular dwelling within three years the Council could deem the plans to be of no effect, ie as if they had not been deposited in the first instance. This would help ensure that dwellings were constructed to the most modern standards. Noted.

Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1979: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Alderman Rankin that under Article 19 of the above order, that Council would commence a process to declare plans to be of no effect where works to which the plans relate, had not commenced within three years from the date of deposit of the plans.

Annual Fire Safety Conference: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Butcher that two Building Control Officers would attend day 1 of the annual Fire Safety Conference to be held 17-18 February 2011.

Showers at Roe Valley Leisure Centre: It was agreed that a number of showers at Roe Valley Leisure Centre would be replaced at a cost of £1,500 per shower unit.

Electricity Procurement: It was agreed that Council would participate in collaborative procurement for its electricity needs.

Environmental Health Department:

The Chief Executive presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Control, Health & Safety, Licensing & Regulatory, Street Trading and Pollution Control. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

Technical Services Department:

The Chief Executive presented the Technical Services Report and enlarged thereon. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following:

Household Recycling Centre: The Chief Executive reminded members that planning approval had been received for a recycling centre in Dungiven and that officers had met with consultants RPS to discuss the next steps. He said that the original submission from RPS in August 2008 was for fees up to the end of the project totalling £28,000, however, since then, the scheme had been modified in response to requirements from NIEA, that is, an increased area of embankments and estimated construction period from 18 to 26 weeks. He added that RPS had submitted revised fees for the remaining stages of the project showing an overall increase in fees from £28,000 to £30,401.39, together with site supervision of 2 – 3 days per week at a rate of £48.86 per hour, plus travel.

There followed a discussion in which members queried the role and duties of the supervisor and it was suggested that the role of site supervisor be done in house.

It was also suggested that local residents be kept fully informed of the revised project and that they be made aware of how much time and money had gone into finding a suitable site for the recycling centre.

The Chief Executive advised that RPS tendered for the complete project and that the project was complicated and required the input of technical expertise.

Councillor Mullan proposed, seconded by Alderman Coyle that Council accept the revised fees from RPS. Agreed. Councillor Stevenson requested that it be noted that he objected to this decision as this was a waste of money and flew in the face of requests for savings. The Chief Executive agreed to ensure that the number of days of supervision be kept to a minimum.

Mixed Organic Waste Treatment: Council agreed in principle to participate in the proposed collaborative procurement exercise through the NW Group for the provision of services to treat mixed organic kitchen and garden waste.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Bunting – Paul McCloskey Fight: It was agreed that Council would provide buntings for Dungiven in the run up to the Paul McCloskey world title fight with Amir Khan on 16 April 2011.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 15 March 2011.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS

(The meeting ended at 9 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting