

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**15 MARCH 2011**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.20 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

Aldermen M Coyle, G Robinson 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 Stevinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Chief Executive, Director Environmental Services and Operations Manager.

**APOLOGIES:** - None.

**FUEL STAMP SAVING SCHEME:**

A member highlighted that a number of Councils had implemented a fuel stamp savings scheme whereby members of the public could buy stamps at an array of outlets, which could be subsequently exchanged for fuel from oil suppliers. Following discussion, Council agreed in principle to support the fuel stamp saving scheme and the Director Environmental Services agreed to bring back details of the scheme at the April 2011 Monthly meeting.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 15 February 2011 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Carten.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Page 3 – Bunting for Paul McCloskey Fight:** In response to a member who queried the cost and neutrality of bunting erected in Dungiven, the Chief Executive confirmed that Council had agreed for bunting to be purchased for use during the Paul McCloskey fight and for use at other events in the Borough. He outlined that the cost for the bunting had not been discussed; however this would be brought to Council through the Payment of Accounts.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – MARCH 2011:**

***Building Control Department:***

The Director Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued between 1 – 28 February 2011; 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 Councillor Carten subject to the following:

**Building Regulations Charges for Energy Efficiency Improvements:** It was agreed that a previous approval by Council to exempt the work of upgrading loft insulation from Building Regulation fees until May 2011 would be extended until 30 June 2011.

**Administration of Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2009:** Following a successful pilot scheme by Belfast City Council for officers to act in the Limavady Borough Council area on matters arising out of the Energy Performance of Buildings, it was recommended that the scheme be extended from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012. Agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Douglas.

**Renewal of Bingo Licence:** It was agreed that the application for renewal of a Bingo Licence, 9 Catherine Street, Limavady would be approved.

**Electricity Procurement:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Douglas, seconded by Alderman Rankin that officer's be delegated authority to enter into an electricity procurement procedure and if economical, that a recommendation would be brought back to Council at the April 2011 Monthly meeting.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Consumer Protection, Food Safety, Health & Safety, Licensing & Regulatory, Pollution Control, Public Health and Consultations. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Alderman Coyle subject to the following:

**Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations (NI) 2004:** The Director Environmental Services summarised details of an investigation into a gas leak and subsequent failure by a business to comply with legislation under Health and Safety at Work (NI) Order 1978.

It was agreed that details of the case be referred to Councils solicitor with the view to instigating legal proceedings against the employer of the business for the following offences:

1. failure to comply with Regulation 35 of the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations (NI) 2004 which imposes a duty on employers or self employed person to ensure that any gas appliance, installation pipework or flue installed at any place of work under his control be maintained in a safe condition so as to prevent risk of injury to any person and
2. failure to comply with an Improvement Notice served under Article 23 of the Health and Safety Work Order (NI) 1978 requiring provision of a Gas Safety Certificate or alternatively for the gas appliance to be disconnected by a gas engineer.

**Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983:** It was agreed that two dog related offences of straying would be referred to Councils solicitor with the view to instigating legal proceedings against the owners of the dogs under Article 22 (1) of the above order.

**Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878:** It was agreed that a case of accumulation of rubbish in a rear yard of a property in Limavady would be referred to Councils solicitor with the view to instigating legal proceedings against the owner of a property for failure to comply with the Public Health Abatement Notice which is an offence under Section 111 of the above Act.

**Tobacco Control Strategy for Northern Ireland:** Council adopted and agreed that the draft response to the consultation questionnaire on a Tobacco Control Strategy for Northern Ireland would be forwarded to DHSSPSNI.

**Consultation on the Framework for a Flytipping Protocol:** Council adopted and agreed that the draft response to the consultation on the Framework for a Flytipping Protocol would be forwarded to the DOE.

***Technical Services Department:***

The Director Environmental Services presented the Technical Services Report and enlarged thereon. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

**Drumaduff Landfill Site – Restoration & Remediation:** The Director Environmental Services updated members on issues relating to the restoration & remediation of Drumaduff Landfill site. It was noted that the Framework Agreement in respect of closed landfill sites adopted by Council in January 2011 had been slightly amended by the DoE to take account of the proposed Landfill Regulations (NI) 2011. It was agreed that subject to ongoing discussions between Councils and the Department, that officers would be given authority to approve any updated version of the Framework Agreement subject to there being no disadvantage to Council.

**Dungiven Recycling Centre:** In response to a query, the Director Environmental Services confirmed that consideration would be given as to whether Councils inhouse staff would carry out work on Dungiven Recycling Centre project but this would have to be on the same terms and conditions as any external contractor and within the required timeframe for completion of the project. He also confirmed that the site Engineer would only be on site when needed.

**Townland Name Plates:** A sample of a townland name plate was displayed at the back of the chamber for member's perusal. Members discussed the costs for the signs, whether the word 'townland of' was needed on the sign and townland name translation. Following a lengthy debate, it was agreed that Council would progressively erect signs to reflect townland names with the name of the townland only appearing below the current road name. Councillor Douglas proposed, seconded by Alderman Robinson that in honour of the Mayor that the first townland name plate be erected at Tartnakilly Road.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- ◇ It was agreed that a parking space would be reserved for the Mayor at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Ghleann na Ró.
- ◇ A member requested that Roads Service introduce an disabled parking space at the front of Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Ghleann na Ró and that they replace directional signs for the Tourist Information Centre.
- ◇ The Mayor - Councillor Carten congratulated staff for raising over £250 on Pancake Tuesday.
- ◇ On his last meeting as Chair of the Environmental Services Committee, Councillor Cubitt thanked members for making his year a success.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 21 June 2011.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**

**(The meeting ended at 10.00 pm)**

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