

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**15 APRIL 2008**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.00 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Director of Environmental Services, Environmental Health Manager, Building Control Manager, Acting Technical Services Managers and the Chief Executive.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 18 March 2008 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Dernaflaw Play Area:** The Chief Executive explained that Mr McNicholl had given assurance that work would commence in the next few days to clear the site for the proposed play area at Dernaflaw.

**CCTV Council Offices:** The Building Control Manager agreed to bring back detailed costings for provision of CCTV at council offices. Councillor Brolly said criteria needed to be set for those entering the building or attending Council meetings and said a Notice of Motion would be forthcoming regarding this.

**Town Hall:** Members were informed that Roads Service had agreed alternative access for the town hall project and that a meeting would take place with Consarc to amend the plans and to explore cost reductions. A discussion took place regarding implications of removing the façade and Council was advised that if significant changes were made to the project design, it could involve going through the planning process again.

**Support for PSNI:** Councillor Cubitt referred to the work of the PSNI following recent arson attacks and proposed that Council have a vote of confidence by giving support to the police in bringing the criminals to justice. The proposal was seconded by Alderman Rankin.

A heated debate followed in which it was suggested that the proposal was made to score political points and that members needed to be prepared before any discussion took place. Councillor Brolly put forward an amendment that the proposal should be brought to Council through a notice of motion so that members would have chance to research the issue and add to the debate. The amendment was put to the meeting and declared carried, with 9 voting for and 6 against. The substantive motion was put to the meeting and declared carried.

Councillor Donaghy left the meeting at 7.35 pm.

## **DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – APRIL 2008:**

### ***Building Control Department:***

The Building Control Manager presented the Building Control report which detailed applications approved and issued in March; Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907, Section 30 Dangerous Structures (property at 1 – 3 Linenhall Street) and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report which was approved subject to the following:

**Bi-Lingual Street Nameplates:** Following consultation it was agreed that bilingual street nameplates would be erected in English and in Irish at Gortgar Avenue/Aibhinne an Ghoirt Ghearr, Greysteel.

**Council Offices/Chamber Seating:** It was agreed that broken chairs in Council Chamber or offices would be replaced.

**Dungiven Community Hall:** The Building Control Manager was asked to look at the ceiling in Dungiven Community Hall in order to improve the sound quality.

### ***Environmental Health Department:***

The Environmental Health Manager presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information in relation to Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978: Part IX; Food Control; Health & Safety; Dogs (NI) Order 1983, Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 and Litter (NI) Order 1994. The recommendations made within the report were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following:

**Draft Air Quality Action Plan:** The Environmental Health Manager explained that the DOE Planning and Environmental Policy Group had forwarded to Council feedback on the second draft of the Air Quality Action Plan, which had been appraised by AEA Energy & Environment. She said that monitoring had identified levels of nitrogen dioxide in excess of the annual mean national air quality objective of 40 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in lower Main Street, Dungiven and that this was due to traffic congestion.

The Environmental Health Manager outlined details of the Air Quality Action Plan and said that the plan had concluded that the best way to tackle the problem of poor air quality was to construct a bypass, which had been proposed as part of the wider dualling scheme on the main A6 arteriole route between City of Derry and Dungiven.

Council welcomed and adopted the Action Plan and it was stressed that the bypass was needed as a matter of urgency.

### ***Technical Services Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Technical Services Report and enlarged thereon. The report and recommendations within were adopted on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following:

**Dungiven Civic Amenity Site:** Members were advised that Roads Service would allow Council to access the approved Civic Amenity site off Chapel Road from the sports pavilion site. Although members were in agreement that a Civic Amenity site was needed, it was queried if the site could be located nearer the hall in an attempt to minimise costs for provision of roadway needed to enter the site. The Chief Executive informed members that Planning Service had advised that the application had been approved before the Area Plan came into force and that it was unlikely that an alternative site would be approved. After discussion, it was agreed that decision to proceed would be deferred until the Planning & Services meeting where Planning Officers would be able to give first hand information to members on the planning implications of any proposed changes to the current approval. .

**Waste Management:** The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that the Roe Valley Update would be being used to reinforce to residents items to be included in the blue bins and to advise of £100 fixed penalty for offences under Articles 21 and 22 of the Waste & Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997, effective from 7 April 2008.

It was agreed that the Consultants acting on behalf of B Mullan & Son in relation to the proposed landfill site at Cam Road would be invited to give details of the proposal to Council.

**Tenders:** Following review of specifications, the following tenders were approved:

- Rogers Fencing for supply, delivery and installation of IbeX Fencing and Gates at the Recycling Centre, Ballyquin Road in the sum of £8,560.00+VAT.
- Eakin Brothers for supply and delivery of 1No 3.5 Tonne Crew Cab Tipper in the sum of £17,675+VAT and
- John V Arthur for provision of valuation and associated services being the most advantageous price in majority of items.

**Purchase of Vehicles:** The Director of Environmental Services informed members that the following vehicles had been purchased as agreed within this year's estimates.

1No LDV Maxum 2.8T SWB at a cost of £11,245.00 (replacement painters van)  
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 1No LDV Maxum 3.5T LWB at a cost of £12,914.00 (replacement joiners van)  
 1No Plant Trailer at a cost of £2,612.50 (for use in grounds maintenance)  
 1No Tipping Trailer at a cost of £3,338.50 (for use in Enagh Cemetery).

**SWAMP Tender Report:** The Director of Environmental Services tabled tender report from Southern Waste Management Partnership & North West Region Waste Management Group for short term residual waste contract. It was agreed that members would review the report before bringing it back for decision to the April 2008 Monthly meeting of Council.

#### **CONSULTATION TO AMEND HISTORIC BUILDINGS GRANT AID SCHEME:**

It was agreed that members would respond individually to the Environment & Heritage Service consultation 'Proposals to Amend the Historic Buildings Grant-aid' and new proposals for funding non-government organisations.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Request for Financial Assistance – St Mary’s Faughanvale GAC:** It was agreed that the request for financial assistance from St Mary’s GAC, Faughanvale towards the costs of hosting the semi final match in the RTE Celebrity Baimiteoir All Ireland Competition on Saturday 19 April 2008 would be approved in the sum of £1,000.

**Disposal of Animal Carcasses:** Council condemned those who disposed of animal carcasses in various beauty spots in the Borough.

**Support for Environmental Groups:** It was agreed that Council would continue to support and encourage environmental groups in the Borough and that the Environmental Group in Dungiven would be given long term loan of litter pickers.

**Roads Service – Greystone Road:** It was suggested that Roads Service had wasted money replacing kerbs at Greystone Road and that the money could have been better spent erecting a 30 mph speed sign/ramps or by providing a roundabout at the end to access the by-pass. It was pointed out that Roads Service had cited lack of money as the reason for failing to fill in the missing link in the pathway at Greystone Road.

**Equality Commission:** Reference was made to the Equality Commission meeting with Community Groups regarding the Programme for Governance 2011/2018 and it was suggested that the commission meet with Council to detail what they did, how and why.

**General Queries:** Officers were asked to contact DSD regarding landscaping of roundabouts on the by-pass and for requested that bins in the town needed to be emptied and cleaned.

**NEXT MEETING – 20 May 2008.**

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS  
(The meeting ended at 9:10 pm)**

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