

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

15 APRIL 2014

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.15 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle and J Rankin. Councillors, A Brolly, O Beattie, B Chivers (chair), R Donaghy, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, G Mullan, D Nicholl, A Robinson, E Scott and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Environmental Services and the Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 18 March 2014 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Robinson.

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 3 – Path Along the River Bank at Limavady: The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that the grass cutting period had just begun for 2014 and that a section of the pathway along the river roe would be included in the work schedule.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – APRIL 2014:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged and issued between 1 – 31 March 2014. The items for information were noted and the report was approved on the proposal of Alderman J Rankin, seconded by Councillor A Robinson subject to the following:

Application for Grant of Entertainment Licence: It was agreed that the application for grant of an entertainment licence for Secret Garden, Drenagh Estate, Dowland Road would be approved subject to there being no adverse comments from the PSNI or NIFRS.

Applications for Grant of Occasional Licence: Council had no objection to the applications for Occasional Licence by the licence holder of Owens Bar for events being held at rear gardens of the premises on 19 April; at the Secret Garden at Drenagh Estate on 19/20 & 26/27 April; for the Jazz and Blues Festival and events being held at the end of August 2014.

Designated Officers – Fire and Rescue Services (NI) Order 2006: It was agreed that the 5 members of staff from Building Control would be authorised to enforce the fire safety duties under the Fire and Rescue Services (NI) Order 2006 and the 2010 regulations in respect of premises that require a licence to provide entertainment, cinemas and places of civil marriage or registrations.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Health, Safety & Well Being, Licensing & Regulatory, Pollution Control and Consultations. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Councillor G Mullan, seconded by Councillor T McCaul subject to the following:

Unlicensed Dogs: It was agreed that a case of two stray dogs in Ballykelly would be referred to Councils solicitor with the view to legal proceedings being taken against the owner of the dogs

Investigation into Illegally Deposited Waste: It was agreed that an incident of illegally deposited waste would be forwarded to Council solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken for non-compliance of an Article 20 Notice issued under the Litter (NI) Order 1994.

Consultation – Affordable Warmth Scheme: The Director of Environmental Services gave an overview of proposed response to the consultation on the Affordable Warmth Scheme. He said that the response had been collated in conjunction with Officers from Causeway Coast and Glens Cluster Councils.

It was agreed that the following points would be included in the response:

- Greystone Road area should be included in the scheme;
- Concerns were voiced on targeted areas when other areas not necessarily classed as in need. For example those areas where residents were classed as the ‘working poor’.
- It was suggested that accredited contractors were not necessarily the best option for carrying out work under the scheme.

Technical Services Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Technical Services Report and enlarged thereon. The items for information were noted and the report was approved on the proposal of Councillor J McCorkell, seconded by Councillor E Stevenson subject to the following:

Drumaduff Landfill Site – Restoration and Remediation/Vesting of Lands at Drumaduff: The Director of Environmental Services informed members that in conjunction with Councils Solicitor, work on preparing the necessary papers to respond to objections raised to the vesting order with regard to Drumaduff Landfill Site were continuing. He said that correspondence had been received from the Courts together with a Notice of Application for a Small Claim against Council on behalf of a Land Agent who represented a number of landowners from whom Council sought to acquire lands at Drumaduff. He added that it was claimed that in 2002 as part of negotiations between Council and the landowner that agents fees had been incurred. It was noted that the claim had been passed to

Councils Solicitor who had lodged a Notice of Dispute, which would be heard in the Small Claims Court in Coleraine on 1 May 2014.

Enhancement of Facilities at Benone: It was agreed that the tender submitted by The Boyd Partnership in the sum of £24,290 would be accepted for enhancement of facilities at Benone Tourist Complex.

Allotments at Oughtymoyle: Concern was raised at potential loss of funding for the allotment project at Oughtymoyle. It was suggested that Departments come together to expedite the scheme.

Quotations: It was agreed that the quotation submitted from Safety Solutions for General Protective Clothing for the year up to March 2015 would be accepted. It was also agreed that the quotation submitted by Oliver Tyre Services would be accepted for tyres and tubes for year ending 31 March 2015.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Clipper Challenge: It was agreed that Council would contribute £5,000 towards the 2014 Clipper Challenge.

Culture Arts and Tourism Grants Programme: It was recommended that no changes would be introduced to the grants policy for 2014/15 and that Council would continue to work with the policy & criteria used for the programme in previous years. Agreed.

NEXT MEETING – 20 May 2014.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.05 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting