

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**15 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Personal Assistant, Director of Environmental Services, Operations Manager, Waste Services Manager, Chief Executive and Mr Robert White, Northern Group Building Control Committee.

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors B Douglas and A Robinson.

**NORTHERN GROUP BUILDING CONTROL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09**

The chair welcomed Mr Robert White, Group Chief Building Control Officer to the meeting. Mr White presented the Group's Annual Report for the year 2008/09 and stated that he hoped that the future of building control would remain with Councils as opposed to Inspectors approved by the Department of Finance and Personnel. He also paid tribute to Alderman Rankin and Councillor Carten who served on the Northern Group Building Control Committee.

Members thanked Mr White for presenting his Annual Report to Council over the last 32 years and wished him well in his retirement. He then left the meeting.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 18 August 2009 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Townlands:** Councillor Ó hOisín pointed out that there was a lack of correlation between townlands and road name signs and suggested that best practice be looked at in other Council areas. A number of members expressed concern at the potential cost associated with pursuing the erection of townland names, particularly if individual townlands were to be signposted. The Chair, however, pointed out that a decision had already been taken to investigate funding under Measure 3 of the Rural Development Programme for the erection of townland names on road name signs (ie at each end of a road) as agreed at the previous meeting.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS –  
SEPTEMBER 2009:*****Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued between 1 and 31 August 2009; Entertainment Licences Issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín subject to the following:

**Application for the transfer of a Liquor Licence:** It was noted without comment that Council had received notification of application for the transfer of the liquor licence in respect of O'Brien's Streakhouse, Greystone Road, Limavady.

**Joint Initiatives Protocol:** Members welcomed the development of this protocol which set out the principles of joint working arrangements between Council and other agencies in relation to inspection and regulation of premises holding a Liquor and or Entertainment Licence. It was adopted on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Safety, Health and Safety, Licensing & Regulatory and Pollution Control. The recommendations were accepted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

***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 and recommendations were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Butcher subject to the following:

**Bus Shelter, Station Rd, Dungiven:** The Director of Environmental Services advised members that a written complaint had been received from a resident on Station Road with regard to the siting of this shelter and it was agreed that officers from Council's Technical Services Department would contact the complainants to arrange a meeting on site in an attempt to resolve this issue.

**Bus Shelter, Drumsurn:** The Director of Environmental Services advised that this shelter had been subject to constant vandalism and following a request from Councillor Brenda Chivers, it was agreed that officers from Council's Technical Services Department would meet with Drumsurn Community Association to discuss the ongoing vandalism of this shelter and that the damaged panel would be removed in the interim.

**Vale Centre – Pitch Maintenance:** The Director Environmental Services reported that a signed maintenance agreement had now been received by Council. Noted.

**Sponsorship of Roundabouts on the Limavady By-pass:** The Director of Environmental Services advised that Roads Service had raised concerns regarding the location of signage on roundabouts with regard to liability in the event of an accident and undertook to pursue the matter with Roads Service given that this scheme was operating in other Council areas.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **Motorbikes:** Alderman Jack Rankin reported that youths were driving motorbikes in the lands adjacent to the former Gorteen House Hotel/Glens/Whitehill areas. Alderman Robinson highlighted that this was also happening at Wisner's Lane.
- **Vandalism:** Councillor Ó hOisín condemned a recent vandalism attack at the Naiscoil in Dungiven.
- **International Day of Peace:** The Mayor advised that he would be participating in a tree planting ceremony on 21 September 2009 in Roe Valley Country Park to mark the International Day of Peace.
- **Road Works:** Alderman Rankin highlighted that road works at various locations in the town was causing traffic congestion, particularly given that the schools had reopened.
- **Cemetery:** Councillor Cubitt reported that youths were playing golf in the grounds of the cemetery.
- **Flooding:** Councillor Cubitt expressed his thanks to Technical Services Department staff for their prompt action in relation to a recent flooding incident in Ballykelly.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 20 October 2009

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 9.30 pm)**

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