

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
15 OCTOBER 2013**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.25pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Environmental Services and Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Councillor C McLaughlin

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 17 September 2013 were approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor S McGlinchey.

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 2 – Application for the Grant of a Bingo Licence: The Director of Environmental Services informed members it was up to the Court to approve the Grant of a Bingo licence and to decide the quantity of gaming machines allocated in the premises at 40 Main Street, Dungiven. Noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – OCTOBER 2013:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued, rejected and withdrawn between 1 September and 30 September 2013; Entertainment Licence's issued; and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor T McCaul subject to the following:

Entertainment Licence Application: Council agreed that if no adverse comments were received from the PSNI or NIFRS and no representations received associated with the public adverts the following application could be approved.

- The Vale Centre, Greysteel.

Plant Room at Roe Valley Leisure Centre (RVLC): Agreed that Williams and Shaw be appointed for mechanical and electrical consultancy services in

connection with essential works required to the heating and pool plant equipment at Roe Valley Leisure Centre.

Alderman G Robinson joined the meeting at 7.35pm

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Control; Health & Safety, Licensing & Regulatory, Welfare of Animals Act and Work Activity. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Councillor G Mullan, seconded by Alderman G Robinson subject to the following:

Oil Brokerage Schemes To Combat Fuel Poverty: The Director of Environmental Services informed members 12 community groups across the Causeway Coast & Glens and Mid & East Antrim council clusters took part in the oil brokerage scheme resulting in 4 community groups from Limavady Borough being successful and awarded funding to implement an oil drop scheme. He also stated an event to mark the above and a second launch of the scheme would take place at the Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre in due course.

Smoking in a Vehicle: At the Environmental Services meeting 20 August members were advised that two fixed penalty notices were served on a driver and a passenger witnessed smoking in a vehicle used for work. The Director of Environmental Services informed members one of the fixed penalty notices was paid, the second still outstanding. It was agreed that if payment of the fixed penalty was not made to Council by 15 October the matter be referred to Council's solicitor.

Stray Dog Complaint [LR561/517-2013] – It was agreed if the two fixed penalties were not paid by 25 October 2013 the case would be referred to Council's solicitor with the view to legal proceedings being instigated against the owner of the dog.

On Street Drinking Offences – It was agreed that the 8 incidents involving persons consuming alcohol in designated areas of the Borough be referred to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the persons identified.

Technical Services Report:

The Director of 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 Alderman G Robinson, seconded by Alderman J Rankin subject to the following:

Maintenance of 3G Pitches: A discussion took place around the anticipated costs associated with maintaining the new 3G pitch at the Vale Centre, Greysteel. It was agreed the Director of Environmental Services contact the Vale Centre to seek further clarification on expected income and costs of maintenance.

Councillor B Douglas departed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Dungiven Bowling Green: Agreed the Director of Environmental Services and officers arrange a second meeting with members of the bowling club to discuss various options on maintaining the upkeep of the bowling green.

War Memorial Limavady: Members agreed to the upgrade of the area around the memorial in line with the wider environmental improvements completed earlier this year to Catherine Street, Limavady. The work would be carried out by in house operations staff and would not commence until after the forthcoming remembrance service in November.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Dog Fouling Complaint: A member requested the dog fouling signs on Scroggy Road be lowered and adjusted in the direction of pedestrians to raise awareness and discourage dog fouling. He also raised concerns regarding the increase in dog fouling on the green in Shanreagh Park and asked for the matter to be investigated.

Anonymous Complaints: A member raised an issue regarding an anonymous complaint made to Council from a member of the public concerning a barking dog owned by a local lady. The member stated the lady did not own the dog in question and was very distressed and annoyed at the allegation made against her. Noted.

Development at Bovally: The Chief Executive updated members on the development at Bovally and stated Braidwater's solicitor were drafting a lease for consideration by Council and subject to agreement by Braidwater, preparation work would be undertaken by Technical Services staff within the next four weeks. Agreed and welcomed by members.

Alderman J Rankin thanked members and staff for their kindness following the bereavement of his late brother.

Letter of Condolence: It was agreed a letter of condolence be sent to Councillor and former Mayor John Felix McElhinney on the passing of his wife Mrs Pat McElhinney.

NEXT MEETING – 19 November 2013.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.45PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting