

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**16 FEBRUARY 2010**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.55 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Waste Services Manager and the Director Environmental Services.

**APOLOGIES:** Alderman Robinson.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 19 January 2010 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

**MATTERS ARISING:** - None.

**PRESENTATION BY CONSARC – CIVIC CENTRE QUARTERLY REPORT:**

Ms Villiers outlined that December and January saw a significant amount of bad weather, with cold recorded temperatures and that this impacted on the wet trade construction work at the Civic Centre. She said Heron Brothers had appointed a new electrical sub-contractor to complete the electrical works as the initial sub-contractor had ceased trading. Any potential delay to the project has yet to be assessed.

Ms Villiers explained that progress to date included painting the exterior of the building, part removal of the scaffolding; completion of the front columns and façade; works to complete the weather-tightness of the building & roof top plant; safety handrails and roof glazing were near completion; the main entrance foyer & main hall had been finished in plaster; installation of ceiling framework, underground heating; windows and metalwork to handrails & balustrades. She also said that areas within the building were well advanced and that the gas supply would be connected by the end of February 2010 and that this would allow the boiler to become operational and assist with maintaining a steady background temperature for the internal finishing elements to be installed.

The interest shown in the building by Limavady High School, St Patrick's College, Dungiven and Limavady Youth Council when they visited the site was welcomed by members.

In the discussion that ensued the following points were made:

- Members had receiving positive comments from the public to the project and queries were being made on programme of events and how to made bookings.
- Consarc should consider commissioning a piece of art, for example a statue of the Blind Fiddler or Jane Ross which could be placed in the civic square.
- Members would be given the opportunity to visit the Civic Centre before it was completed.
- The original clock face would be retained but new internal mechanisms and hands would be fitted..
- Devices would be fitted to deter pigeons from roosting on the building.

The Chair thanked Ms Villiers for attending the meeting.

## **DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – FEBRUARY 2010:**

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

The Director Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued between 1 and 31 January 2010; Entertainment Licences Issued; renewal of Amusement Permit, Postal Addresses Issued; Property Certificates issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Butcher subject to the following:

**Radon in Dwellings – Regulation C2(2):** It was recommended that Council agree to the relaxation of Regulation C2(2) of the Building Regulations (NI) 2000 in respect of any dwelling situated in an area of the Council not identified as a radon affected zone as shown in the “Radon in Dwellings in Northern Ireland: 2009 Review and Atlas.” Agreed.

**Administration of Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificate and Inspections) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2009: Renewal of Amusement Permit:** It was agreed that authorisation be given for 4 officers employed on temporary contracts by Belfast City Council to act in the Limavady Borough Council area in matters arising out of the energy performance of buildings.

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

The Director Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Control, Health & Safety, Home Safety, Licensing & Regulatory, Street Trading and Pollution Control. The recommendations were accepted on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Brolly subject to the following:

**Consultation Paper on Strengthening Sanctions against Retailers who sell Tobacco to Underage Persons:** The draft response to the consultation paper on strengthening sanctions against retailers who sell tobacco to underage persons was approved subject to it being agreed that if a retailer commits 3 offences they would NO LONGER be allowed to sell tobacco products.

**Consultation on the Regulation of the Sun-bed Industry:** The draft response to the consultation on regulation of the sun-bed industry was approved.

**On Street Drinking Offences:** It was agreed that details of two incidents would be referred to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the person identified for contravention of the bye-law prohibiting the consumption of intoxicating liquor in a designated place.

**Consultation on a Draft High Hedges Bill:** It was agreed that Council would not issue a corporate response to the consultation on a High Hedge Bill.

***Technical Services Department:***

The Director 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 Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Mullan subject to the following:

**Drumaduff Landfill Site – Restoration & Remediation:** The Director Environmental Services informed members that he had written to the Minister of the Environment expressing Council's grave concern at the lack of progress by the Department and NIEA on reviewing and approving Council's Restoration and Remediation Plan for Drumaduff Landfill site. He said that in the interim a letter had been received from the Permanent Secretary of the Department of the Environment seeking a meeting with Council officers to discuss and develop an agreed way forward.

**Waste/Resource Booklet:** Officers were congratulated on the contents of the Waste Resource Booklet which had been delivered to every household in the Borough.

**Bus Shelter Chapel Road:** Members were informed that the Western Education & Library Board had requested that Council remove the bus shelter to the front of the former High School in Dungiven as the Board were in the process of selling the lands. It was noted that Roads Service had submitted an application for provision of a Park & Ride at the junction of Curragh Road and that this would incorporate a new bus shelter. In the interim, a letter had been sent to the WELB requesting that the shelter be allowed to remain for as long as possible. It was suggested that the Park & Ride should be located where the lay-by currently exists.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A member stated that residents felt intimidated at youths sitting on top of the recycling units at Bovally and suggested that the units be moved to the other end of the car park.
- It was agreed that a Civic Reception would be held for Fr Collins.
- It was agreed that Alderman Coyle and an officer would attend the NILGA Conference in Burnavon on 23 February 2010.
- The request by UNISON for speaking rights on local government pay freeze was declined by members.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 16 March 2010.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.20 PM**

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