

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

16 MARCH 2010

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.45 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director Environmental Services and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: Councillors G Mullan, J F McElhinney and M Carten.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 16 February 2010 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – MARCH 2010:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued between 1 and 28 February 2010; Entertainment Licences Issued; Annual Report on Petroleum Spirit Storage Installations for 2010 and Facilities Management & Energy Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín subject to the following:

Housing Development at Whitehill: It was agreed that the new housing development at Whitehill would be named Barleyhill.

Bi-Lingual Street Nameplates: It was agreed that name plates would be erected in English and Irish at Limestone Road – Bóthar na hAolchloiche.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Health & Safety, Licensing & Regulatory, Street Trading and Pollution Control. The recommendations were accepted without comment on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Douglas.

Technical Services Department:

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

Ground Maintenance – Cemetery: The Director of Environmental Services reported that excessive adornments on some graves continued to be a problem and that this not only impeded maintenance of the graves but created a health and safety risk to Ground Maintenance Operatives in carrying out their duties. He confirmed that he was looking at the plots which had the most problems.

Query outside the Reports:

Collection of Commercial Waste: In response to a members query, the Director Environmental Services clarified that Council would only collect commercial waste from businesses that paid for Councils collection service.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- A member requested that the path leading to Drumsurn Community Hall be drained to take away surplus water.
- It was agreed that a pilot Farmers Market would be held in Council car park on 27 March 2010, subject to all insurance and legalities being covered.
- It was suggested that Foreglen Play Park be relocated to the green area at Columbia Park.
- It was confirmed that Alderman Robinson, Councillor Ó hOisín and Councillor Mullan would meet Minister Gildernew to discuss issues relating to salmon in Lough Foyle.
- As the next available Council meeting was not to 8 April 2010, it was agreed that following evaluation the Chief Executive would be given delegated authority to award the contract for sound and lighting equipment for Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre to the lowest tender, current in the sum of £75,997.81.
- The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that response to the Draft Clean Neighbourhoods & Environmental Bill would be included in the April 2010 Environmental Health Report. It was agreed that Alderman Coyle and the Director of Environmental Services would attend the NILGA seminar on the bill to be held on 26 March 2010 in Craigavon Civic Centre.
- It was agreed that Firmus Energy would attend the April 2010 Monthly meeting to outline progress and plans for further development of the gas network in various areas of Limavady.
- *IN COMMITTEE:* Councillor Butcher declared a commercial interest and left the meeting at 9.45 pm. Members discussed a letter which had been circulated from the proprietor of Dungiven Castle. No action by Council. *OUT OF COMMITTEE.*

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 20 April 2010.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.55 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting