

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
16 AUGUST 2011**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.25 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle, G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors O Beattie, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, C McLaughlin (Chair), G Mullan, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES:

Councillors A Brolly, S McGlinchey and D Nicholl.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 21 June 2011 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 2 – Disabled Parking at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Ghleann na Ró: Members voiced their disappointment that Roads Service would not be providing a disabled car parking space at the front of Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre as there were already two disabled spaces on the other side of the street. Following discussion, it was agreed that Roads Service would be asked to relocate one of the two spaces on Main Street to the front of Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – AUGUST 2011:

Building Control Department:

The Director Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued between 1 June and 31 July 2011; issues relating to Entertainment Licences; Bookmaking Office Licences; Memorandum of Understanding between NI Fire & Rescue Service and Building Control in Northern Ireland; application for Occasional License; Property Certificates issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Chivers subject to the following comments:

Entertainment Licence: Several members voiced concern at the proposed grant of an Entertainment Licence for the Depot (formally The Doah) primarily due to the late operating hours on Sunday's. Noted.

Street Naming & Property Numbering Policy: The Director Environmental Services reported that Council had received a number of requests to replace the road name plate with a bi-lingual sign with the name in English and Irish. He said following consultation with the occupiers of premises in the relevant areas in accordance with Council policy, a number of residents were in support of the proposed name change, whilst others considered that the expenditure involved would be better spent on other services.

The Director Environmental Services advised that based on the responses received and in line with the Street Naming & Property Number Policy, Council may wish to consider the requests for bi-lingual street nameplates at the following locations:

Gortgarn Road, Kevin Lynch Park and Station Road Dungiven and at Beech Road, Church View, Drumsurn Court, Betts Road, Fir Avenue and Cottage Garden Drumsurn.

Views expressed in the debate which followed included:

- ◆ The cost to erect the signs were an extravagance Council could not afford and Council should not be considering the requests.
- ◆ It was the people who live in the areas that had requested the signs and their views should be taken into consideration.
- ◆ The cost should be born by the people who requested the signs.

Councillor Chivers proposed, seconded by Councillor McCaul that Council approve the requests for bi-lingual signs at the above named locations. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 6 for, 6 against, with the chair using his casting vote in favour of the proposal.

It was noted that the responses received in respect of Donalds Hill Court and Castle Meadows Drumsurn did not meet the criteria for the erection of bi-lingual signs.

Addendum to the Report:

Occasional Licences: The following applications for grant of Occasional Liquor Licences were approved:

- a) St Aidan's GAC, Magilligan for event being held 25-28 August 2011.
- b) Faughanvale GAA for event being held 19/20 August 2011.

Application for Street Naming and Postal Numbering: It was agreed that the new housing development at Ardgarvan would be called Roeallen Haven.

Warm Home Scheme: The Director Environmental Services circulated a letter from the Department of Social Development which requested that Council exempt Building Control fees for roof space insulation as part of a contribution to tackling fuel poverty in the area. It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson that Building Control fees for Roof Space Insulation would be exempted until March 2012 and reviewed thereafter.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Safety, Public Health, Licensing & Regulatory, Street Trading, Pollution Control, Smoking Cessation Service, Western Home Environmental Assessment Project and Consultations. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Coyle subject to the following comments:

Saving Oil Stamps (SOS) Scheme: The Director Environmental Services informed members that enquiries had been made with other Councils regarding existing oil stamp schemes in order to decide on the best way to develop a scheme in Limavady. He said that the options open to Council were to support an existing scheme, such as Saint Vincent De Paul (SVP) who had been running a SOS scheme for a number of years in Coleraine and Ballymena. He added that Cookstown, Magherafelt and Ballymoney were running their own independent oil stamp schemes, whereby Council staff distribute the stamps to outlets and set up an administration scheme to reimburse the oil distributors.

Members discussed the options available and associated costs. It was noted that following discussion with members of the local SVP, the recommendation within the report to support the SVP scheme had been withdrawn. After discussion, it was agreed that the Director Environmental Services would continue to work on the scheme in conjunction with community/volunteer sector and to tap into any funding that might be available for the scheme.

Consultations: Members approved the response to the High Hedges consultation on charging a fee of £360 to those making a complaint.

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 Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Mullan subject to the following:

Drumaduff Landfill Site: It was clarified that once the closure plan was agreed by the Environment Agency negotiations would recommence with landowners and every effort would be made to acquire the lands by agreement but if this was not possible then Council would have no alternative other than to vest the lands.

Waste Related Procurement Process: Council approved the tender recommendations carried out between the NWWMG and the Southern Waste Management Partnership as outlined within the report for the 15 Councils represented across the two groups for provision of the following goods and services:

- ◆ Waste Related Consultancy Services Framework Agreement
- ◆ Supply and delivery of wheeled refuse collection containers/home compost units and kitchen caddies
- ◆ Collection disposal & treatment of engine oil, vegetable oil, paints, varnishes and used engine oil containers
- ◆ Collection and recycling of tyres.

Replacement of Bins: It was clarified that it was the home owners responsibility to replace bins damaged through normal wear and tear.

Drumavalley Kick-About Pitch: Members approved costs of approximately £1,000 - £1,200 to plough and reseed the playing surface of the kick-about area at Drumavalley.

Tenders/Quotations: Council approved the quotation submitted by SSI Schaefer for supply of various size bins in the sum of £15,643.00+VAT.

Council also approved the tender submitted by Green Brothers Signs for the supply and delivery of 100no townland road nameplates in the sum of £2,761.00.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Congratulations: Technical Service staff were congratulated on the condition of the pitch at Roe Mill Road during the Milk Cup tournament. They were also congratulated on the floral displays in the Borough. Alderman Rankin and Councillor Beattie were thanked for their attendance at the Milk Cup games.

Removal of Floral Display: A member requested that a flower display be relocated from the right turn exit outside the Northern Bank on Catherine Street as it obscured vehicle driver's view.

Derelict Buildings: The Director Environmental Services agreed to look into what could be done about 2 derelict sites overgrown with weeds in Linenhall Street and Main Street, Limavady.

Seating: A member requested that a seating be provided at Rannyglass Play Area and at Legavallan picnic area.

Mobile Phones: It was suggested that members be provided with smart phones when the mobile phone contract was being renewed.

Parking at Bovally Health Centre: The Chief Executive agreed to contact Roads Service about dangerous car parking at Bovally Health Centre.

Provision of Portable Toilets: It was agreed that Council would make available port-a-loos during the Royal Black Preceptory parade. It was flagged up that Traffic Wardens would be enforcing parking restrictions during the event.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 20 September 2011.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.50 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting