

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

16 SEPTEMBER 2014

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.50 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle, A Robiinson and J Rankin. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, R Donaghy, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell,, G Mullan, D Nicholl, E Scott and E Stevenson (Chair).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Environmental Services and the Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor S McGlinchey.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 19 August 2014 were approved on the proposal of Alderman J Rankin, seconded by Councillor J McCorkell.

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 3 – Dog Attack on a Person and Another Dog: In response to a member, the Director of Environmental Director Services advised that the date for the court hearing with regard to the above was not yet known.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS –
SEPTEMBER 2014:**

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged and issued between 1 – 31 August 2014. The items for information were noted and the report was approved on the proposal of Councillor McCorkell, seconded by Councillor Scott subject to the following:

Application for Renewal of Entertainment Licence: The application for renewal of an entertainment licence for Cooleys Bar, Seacoast Road was approved.

Application for Renewal of Amusement Permit: The application for renewal of an amusement permit for The Regal, 9 Catherine Street was approved.

Notice of Application for an Occasional Licence: Council had no objection to the application for occasional licence to sell liquor on 19-20 September 2014 in The Secret Garden of Dreenagh Estate, Dowland Road.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Safety, Health Safety & Well Being, Licence & Regulatory, Pollution Control and Work Activity. The items for information were noted and the report adopted on the proposal of Alderman J Rankin, seconded by Councillor B Douglas subject to the following:

Test Purchase Exercise: Members welcomed the results of an underage sale of cigarettes test purchase exercise carried out on 18 August 2014, whereby all of the retail premises tested had refused to sell cigarettes to a person under the age of 18. The Director of Environmental Services advised that the sale of e-cigarettes was not covered by the current legislation.

Unlicensed Dogs:

1. **LR323-2014:** The Director of Environmental Services reminded members that it was reported at the August Environmental Services meeting that a fixed penalty fine had been issued to the owner of two unlicensed dogs in Dungiven, which was due to be paid by 19 August 2014. He said that the dogs remained unlicensed and the fixed penalty had not been paid by the due date. It was agreed that legal proceedings would be taken against the owner for keeping unlicensed dogs.
2. **LR378-2014:** The Director of Development informed members that a fixed penalty fine had been issued to the owner of three unlicensed dogs in Limavady to be paid by 26 August 2014. As the dogs remained unlicensed it was agreed that legal proceedings would be taken against the dog owner.
3. **LR359/360-2014:** The Director of Development advised that a fixed penalty fine had been issued to owner of two unlicensed dogs in Limavady for payment by 22 August 2014. As the dogs remained unlicensed it was agreed that legal proceedings would be taken against the dog owner.

Bye-Law Prohibiting the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in a Designated Place: It was agreed that two incidents of persons consuming alcohol in designated areas of the Borough would be forwarded to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the persons identified for contravention of the above bye-law.

Air Quality – Dungiven: The Director of Environmental Services updated members on a meeting held with Danny Kennedy - Minister for Regional Development in which air quality problems in Dungiven had been discussed. He said that he had written to both GP practices in Dungiven to ask if they had any information on local health impacts that could strengthen the case for the bye-pass to be progressed.

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 was approved on the proposal of Councillor G Mullan, seconded by Councillor A Brolly subject to the following:

Brown Bin Bio Waste Collection Service: The Director of Environmental Services reported that a number of local shops were stocking rolls of caddy liners

for the brown bin collection. He confirmed that the brown bin would continue to be collected over the winter months, possibly on a 3 or 4 weekly rota. It was noted that a number of other councils were considering reducing the frequency of collection of bins. Councillor B Douglas proposed, seconded by Alderman Robinson that Limavady Borough Council would not consider reducing the frequency of collection of household bins.

Allotments at Oughtymoyle: It was agreed that a query from Councillor G Mullan regarding the letting out of allotments at Oughtymoyle and noise emanating from the poly tunnels would be forwarded to the Director of Development.

Query Outside of the Report:

Councillor B Douglas requested that a sign be erected at Tamlaghfinlagan old graveyard.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Closure of Section of Roe Valley Country Park: It was confirmed that a complaint received by Councillors regarding the closure of paths at Roe Valley Country Park was not the responsibility of the Council. The Mayor indicated that he had already forwarded the complaint to NIEA.

Western Local Commissioning Group: The Chief Executive advised members that the Western Local Commissioning Group were currently undertaking a process to appoint two locally elected representatives to the Western LCG sub-committee and that closing date for receipt of applications was Thursday 26 September 2014 at 12 noon for those wishing to apply for the appointments. It was noted that a copy of the advertisement for the position would be emailed to members.

NEXT MEETING – 21 October 2014.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.00 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting