

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

16 NOVEMBER 2010

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.30 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Chief Executive, Director Environmental Services and Operations Manager.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor A Robinson.

CONDOLENCES:

Alderman Rankin proposed, seconded by Alderman Robinson that a letter of condolence from Council would be forwarded to the family of Ranger Aaron McCormick from Macosquin, who died on 11 November 2010, whilst serving with the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment in Afghanistan.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 19 October 2010 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Coyle.

MATTERS ARISING:

Lease of Land from the Housing Executive at Pollysbrae Road: A member pointed out that the minutes should have reflected that Council had agreed to the lease of land from the Housing Executive at Pollysbrae Road. Noted.

Christmas Lights: The Director Environmental Services confirmed that this year the Christmas tree would be erected at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Ghleann na Ró and that Christmas lights would not be put up at Connell Street car park.

River Footwalk: The Director Environmental Services advised that the request to replace the foot walk at Sheskin River had been referred to the Director of Development.

Dog Fouling Bins: The Director Environmental Services confirmed that the Technical Services Department would investigate the provision of additional bins in the Greysteel area.

Open Space - Hyacinth Avenue: The Director Environmental Services stated that the open space at Hyacinth Avenue belonged to the Housing Executive.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – NOVEMBER 2010:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued between 1 – 31 October 2010, Entertainment Licences issued, Property Certificates issue, Street Naming & Property Numbering and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report adopted on the proposal of Alderman Michael Coyle, seconded by Alderman George Robinson subject to the following:

Asbestos Condition Surveys: It was agreed that the quotation submitted from Healthy Buildings International in the sum of £695 + VAT for carrying out of asbestos conditions surveys would be accepted.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Environmental Health, Home Safety, Licensing & Regulatory and Pollution Control. The recommendations were accepted on the proposal of Councillor Cathal Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor McElhinney.

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 Michael Coyle, seconded by Councillor Douglas subject to the following:

Drumaduff Landfill Site – Restoration & Remediation: The Director Environmental Services reported that five Councils who have closed landfill sites had advised the Department that they could not sign up to the proposed Framework Agreement until the Department clarified funding for any additional works arising from the previous actions and advice from the Department on landfill site restoration & remediation. It was noted that to date there was no response from the Department.

Members discussed the potential costs of restoring Drumaduff landfill site and how progress to date was being hampered by the Department. There was unanimous agreement that clarification was needed from the Department as soon as possible. Alderman Robinson proposed, seconded by Councillor Butcher that a deputation meet with Minister Poots, possibly following his meeting with the Transition Committee in Coleraine on 25 November 2010, however, this was open to negotiation. It was agreed that the deputation would include the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair of the Environmental Services Committee and relevant officers.

Brown Bin Collection: The Director Environmental Services agreed to investigate if an additional collection of the Brown Bins could be scheduled for Dungiven at the end of November 2010.

Control of Contractors Policy: The Control of Contractors Policy which had been developed by the Health & Safety Officer was approved by members.

Fire Safety Policy and Emergency Evacuation Procedures: The Fire Safety Policy and Emergency Evacuation Procedures which had been developed by the Health & Safety Officer was approved by members.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- A member requested that dumped material be cleared from a section of the kickabout area at Drumavalley.
- Members were advised that the event to mark Local Democracy Week would now take place on 14 December 2010. Alderman Rankin, Councillor Douglas, Councillor Stevenson, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Coyle, Councillor Butcher, Councillor Brolly and Councillor Ó hOisín expressed an interest in attending the event.
- It was agreed that a Civic Reception would be held for Sally Brown who was representing Ireland & Great Britain in the International Paralympics Championships in January 2011.
- Councillor Stevenson indicated that there was serious flaws in the administration of the Rural Development Programme and said he was stepping as a member of the ARC North West with immediate effect. He requested that the Chief Executive make Omagh District Council aware of this decision. It was agreed that a replacement on the programme would be discussed at the Development Services Committee in December 2010. .

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 21 December 2010.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS

(The meeting ended at 9.40 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting