

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
16 DECEMBER 2008**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.00 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:** - None.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Director of Environmental Services, Director of Support Services, Building Control Manager, Waste Services Manager, Operations Manager and the Chief Executive.

**PRESENTATION BY RPS CONSULTING ENGINEERS RE: DRUMADUFF LANDFILL SITE:**

The chair welcomed Mr Donal Doyle, RPS Consulting to the meeting.

Mr Doyle reminded members that Drumaduff Landfill site, which closed in October 2003 was not regulated by NIEA under the legislation used for operational landfill sites. He said that RPS had prepared a closure plan in line with guidance for submission to NIEA in 2009 and this included a Hydrogeological Risk Assessment, Stability Risk Assessment and Landfill Gas Risk Assessment.

Mr Doyle presented details of the Closure Plan and gave an overview of capping details for the waste. He said the main issues on the site were water ponding, contamination levels, high leachate level, steep northern slope and landfill gas. He added that a sizeable amount of additional land outside the site boundary was required to restore the site for agricultural use and for post restoration monitoring.

Mr Doyle confirmed that estimated costs had increased from £1.8 million in September 2007 to £2.8 million by 2009 and that these were driven by compliance details within the European Landfill Directive, currency exchange rate, oil prices, inflation and cost of surface water pumps.

In the discussion which followed, Mr Doyle indicated that water samples showed no cause for concern regarding contamination of the local Castle River. He also advised that the landfill gas was not at a high enough level to produce energy and that the technology within the closure plan was the most up to date in Europe.

The chair thanked Mr Doyle for the informative presentation.

***Dungiven Civic Amenity Site Update:***

Mr Doyle outlined that Council had Civic Amenity (CA) sites at Ballyquin Road, Limavady and a temporary site at Chapel Road, Dungiven. He said an effective network of facilities were needed to enhance the capacity at CA sites for the segregation of waste for recovery on sites, which ideally should be located within, or in close proximity to the main settlements they serve, with good accessibility. He added that the focus should be on the ability to recycle (not dispose) and that CA centres should have a good layout, be fenced off, with CCTV, an office and be fully manned.

Members noted details of the layout of the original approved CA site at Dungiven and the proposed new site whereby the entrance had been adjusted for the site to be accessed via Chapel Road, rather than Bleach Green Lane and additional landscaping features. It was also noted that the next stage would be to finalise planning details, await planning service decision and apply for a Waste Management Licence.

The chair thanked Mr Doyle for updating members regarding progress on the proposed CA site at Dungiven.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 18 November 2008 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

Councillor Cubitt indicated that he intended to resubmit his Notice of Motion for the minutes to be recorded. Noted.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Page 2 – AQMA Dungiven:** The Chief Executive outlined that the Minister for Regional Development Conor Murphy, had clarified that decoupling Dungiven bypass from the main dualling scheme would not advance the start date for the works. Therefore, in the circumstances, there would be little benefit in meeting with Council at this time.

**Page 3 – Complaints regarding Sign:** The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that investigations were ongoing regarding ownership of a property in Linenhall Street where a sign had been erected in Irish.

**Page 3 – Provision of Bus Shelters:** The Director of Environmental Services advised that officers were continuing to look at provision of bus shelters at A6 Curragh Road and at the top of Station Road, Dungiven.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – DECEMBER 2008:*****Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control report which detailed applications approved and issued in November 2008; Entertainment Licences issued; renewal of Amusement Permit and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Donaghy subject to the following:

**Temporary Closure – Benone Filling Station:** It was agreed that the temporary closure of Benone Filling Station which was due to expire in December 2008 would be extended for up to one year to allow time for the applicant to establish the future of the site.

**Control Panel at Roe Valley Leisure Centre:** Council approved the quote from Darson Electrical and MCA at a total cost of £6,992 for replacement of control panel at Roe Valley Leisure Centre.

**Caravan Hook Up Points at Benone Tourist Complex:** Council approved the quote from Darson Electrical to replace 33 caravan electric and water hook up points at a cost of £35,211 which included the installation of earth spikes to bring the caravan up to current standards.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information in relation to Health & Safety, Licensing & Regulatory issues, Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 and Pollution Control. The report and recommendations within were adopted on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

**Food Sampling Policy:** The Director of Environmental Services informed members that in October 2008 the Northern Ireland Food Liaison Group produced a sampling policy for food standards to guide District Councils as they develop sampling programmes as part of their food service plan and to help provide a regional focus for sampling for food standards. He said the policy which was agreed by CEHOG would replace the Northern Ireland Food Liaison Group “Food Sampling Policies and Associated Guidance.” Council adopted the Food Sampling Policy for Food Standards.

**Strategic Framework for Partnership Working:** Council endorsed the Health and Safety Executive (HSENI) and District Councils joint statement of intent and gave a commitment to working in a closer partnership with HSENI so as to raise the standards of workplace health and safety and improve the overall economic and social well being of the community.

**Local Air Quality Management Scheme:** The Director of Environmental Services explained that at meeting held 21 October 2008 Council had been advised of the breakdown of grant made available by the Department of the Environment under the provisions of the Local Air Quality Management Grant Scheme. He said the following tenders had been received for the provision and maintenance of the necessary equipment: as follows:

- ◆ Council approved the tender from Environmental Monitoring Systems for the supply, delivery, installation, commissioning and maintenance of a chemiluminescent nitrogen dioxide air quality monitor at Main Street Dungiven at a cost of £13,969.
- ◆ Council approved the tender from AEA for the provision of QA/QC and data management support for an air quality monitoring station at Main Street, Dungiven at a cost of £5,100.

- ◆ Council approved the tender from AEA for the provision of equipment support service for an air quality monitoring station at Main Street, Dungiven at a cost of £1,325.

***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 and recommendations adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

**Joint Committee (NWRWMG):** The Director of Environmental Services explained that the Joint Committee continued to meet on a monthly basis to progress the procurement of major waste infrastructure for the treatment of residual waste across the Group area post 2212/13. He said after approval by the Joint Committee, the Outline Business Case would be forwarded to the Department of the Environment for approval which would then permit the placing of an advert in the Official Journal of the European Union seeking expressions of interest from the market to enter into dialogue with the Group for provision of the necessary infrastructure.

A member referred to the minutes of the Joint Committee which had been tabled and said they were of poor quality given the amount of errors throughout.

**Expressions of Interest for Available Lands for Residual Waste Treatment Facilities:** It was agreed that the NWRWMG would be advised that Council had no suitable lands in its ownership for the development of a residual waste infrastructure.

**Drumaduff Landfill Site – Restoration & Remediation:** It was agreed that the draft Restoration and Remediation Plan which had been presented to Council by RPS Consulting Engineers at the start of the meeting would be forwarded by special delivery to the Department of Environment for approval.

**Tender for Ibox Fencing at Benone Tourist Complex Golf Course:** It was agreed that the tender submitted by JT Doherty in the sum of £30,200+VAT for supply of Ibox fencing at Benone Tourist Complex Golf Course would be approved.

**Public Convenience – Ballykelly:** Members were informed that Roads Service had indicated that it would look favourably at request to erect a public convenience at the lower end of the car park on Glenhead Road and that officers within Technical Services were in contact with Planning Service regarding approval of the site. Councillor Cubitt welcomed this development, however, Councillor McElhinney said that this would lead to congestion on the site.

**Tender - 30 Root Balled Trees:** It was agreed the tender submitted from Black's Nursery, Armagh for the supply and delivery of 30 root balled trees for various areas within the Borough would be approved.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- ◆ The Director of Environmental Services agreed to investigate who was responsible for erecting a directional sign at Crawford Square.
- ◆ Members were advised that the homecoming for X Factor finalist Eoghan Quigg would be held Sunday 21 December 2008 at 2 pm.

- ◆ The Director of Environmental Services agreed to look into replacement of tree cut down at the castle grounds in Dungiven.
- ◆ The Director of Environmental Services agreed to pass on the Mayors, Aldermen and Councillors best wishes to staff for all their hard work throughout the year.

**NEXT MEETING** – 20 January 2009.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
(The meeting ended at 8.40 pm)

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