

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

16 DECEMBER 2014

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.20 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES:

Councillors J McCorkell and S McGlinchey.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 18 November 2014 were approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor G Mullan.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

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

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed building control applications approved, acknowledged, issued and rejected between 1 – 30 November 2014; Property Certificates Issued; Entertainment Licences Issued; requests for Bi-Lingual Street names and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The items for information were noted and the report was approved on the proposal of Councillor G Mullan, seconded by Councillor B Chivers subject to the following:

Applications for Occasional Licence: Council had no objection to the application for an occasional licence by the licence holder of Owen's Bar to sell liquor in the rear gardens on the following dates:

20/21 December 2014 from 6 pm to 1 am

27/28 December 2014 from 6 pm to 1 am

31 January to 1 February 2015 from 6 pm to 1 am

14/15 February 2015 from 6 pm to 1 am.

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 Councillor E Scott, seconded by Councillor B Douglas subject to the following:

Public Analyst Appointments: It was agreed that the five named persons within the report who were employed by Minton, Treherne & Davies and Worcestershire Scientific Services would be appointed as Public Analysts to the Council under Article 27(1) of the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991.

Fixed Penalty Issued for Unlicensed Dogs: The Director of Environmental Services reported that case LR533-2014 relating to fixed penalty issues for unlicensed dogs had now been resolved and the dogs were now licensed. Noted.

Dog Attack on a Person and Another Dog: The Director of Environmental Services outlined that the case with regard to the above incident was heard at Limavady Magistrates Court on 19 November 2014 and on hearing the facts, the Judge imposed a £100 fine in respect of the offence of the dog attack together with an offenders levy of £15.00; £100 fine in respect of the attack on the person; compensation of £110.40 for vet's bill and £100 compensation to the lady attacked. The defendant was also required to pay legal costs of £125.00 and £28.00 court costs.

The fine imposed in this case was welcomed by members.

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 Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor E Scott subject to the following:

Review of the North West Region Waste Management Group Waste Management Plan: It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Alderman J Rankin that the reviewed North West Region Waste Management Group Waste Management Plan would be approved, together with recommended modification put forward by the DOE on locations of waste infrastructure to be used or developed by the service provider and for the plan to be modified to describe the potential social impacts, including benefits of arrangements made for residual waste treatment.

Contract for the Haulage, Recycling and Processing to End Markets of Mixed Try Recyclable Waste – Regen Waste Ltd: The Director of Environmental Services reminded members that NWRWMG had been in dispute with the above named contractor over payments in respect of the delivery of the dry recyclables contract. He said that earlier attempts to resolve the issues were unsuccessful; therefore in accordance with the terms of the contract, the dispute would now be taken to arbitration.

It was agreed that the Director of Environmental Services would be given delegated authority to act on behalf of Council on any agreement reached at arbitration.

Drumaduff Landfill Site – Claim for Payment of Lands Agents Fees: The Director of Environmental Services reported that correspondence had been received from the Courts and Tribunals Service together with a Notice of Application for a Small Claim against Council from two landowners from whom Council had sought to acquire land in 2002 in respect of their land agents fees. He said that the details of the matter had been passed to Councils solicitor who had lodged a Notice of Dispute with the Courts and Tribunals Service.

It was agreed that Council would defend the claims from the two landowners with regard to the land agents fees and instruct Junior Counsel accordingly.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Event at Benone Beach: It was agreed that the Irish Power Kite and Sand Yacht Association would be granted permission to hold an event on Benone Beach on 31 January – 1 February 2015.

NILGA – Elected Members Development Event, guidance on Code of Conduct for Councillors: It was agreed that if any member wished to attend the above event to contact the Chief Executive’s Office for booking details.

NEXT MEETING – 13 January 2014.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 7.50 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting