

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
17 FEBRUARY 2009**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.30 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rankin and Councillor Donaghy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 20 January 2009 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Mullan.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – FEBRUARY 2009:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued in January 2009; Entertainment Licences issued; applications for Entertainment Licences and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín subject to the following:

Stendhal Festival: Members were informed that the organisers of Stendhal Festival had withdrawn their application for an Entertainment Licence.

John T's Bar, 40 Main Street, Dungiven: The Director Environmental Services advised that 95% of work identified to be carried out at the above premises had been completed and that it had been agreed with the applicants that the remainder of the work would be finalised by 12 February 2009. In light of this, it was agreed that no further action was needed.

Environmental Health Department:

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

Warm Homes Scheme: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Robinson that members concern at the low uptake for the Warm Home Scheme and processing time for applications would be forwarded to the Department of Social Development.

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 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

Minutes of North West Waste Management Group Joint Committee: The Director Environmental Services recommended that members keep themselves informed on decisions of the North West Waste Management Group Joint Committee via the group minutes.

A member stated that it had been a political rather than economic decision not to proceed with mass burn as an option for the treatment for waste. The Director Environmental Services advised Council that mass burning incineration was ruled out as an acceptable waste treatment solution in Councils Waste Management Plan. The increasing cost for the treatment of waste was also referred to. There was an overall acknowledgement that education played an important role on the need to recycle. It was suggested that Council show initiative on waste management by limiting the amount of paper within the Council.

Vale Centre - Pitch Maintenance: The Director Environmental Services reminded members of attempts made to agree level of maintenance between Council and Greysteel Community Enterprises (GCE) for pitches at the Vale Centre. He said that in order to move the matter forward and to provide clarity to Council's Grounds Maintenance staff as to the level of maintenance to be provided, it was recommended that Council agree to provide the level of service as specified in the draft schedule previously forwarded to GCE in October 2008 and that GCE be informed accordingly.

Members reiterated that Council should be consistent in its level of maintenance and not agree to the additional work demanded as Council had no input into the pitch design.

In an attempt to resolve the matter, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that a meeting would be set up with members, officers and GCE to agree level of maintenance for the pitches at the Vale Centre.

Bus Shelter – Station Road, Dungiven: It was agreed that a bus shelter would be provided at Station Road, Dungiven and that this should have closed ends.

Public Convenience – Ballykelly: Councillor Cubitt proposed, seconded by Councillor Douglas that public toilets be provided at the lower end of the DoE car park at Glenhead Road, Ballykelly. It was suggested that given the current economic situation and progression of Ballykelly by-pass that the proposal be deferred. A member pointed out that the project had been budgeted for and had the support of over 300 residents.

A recorded vote was requested on the proposal and on being put to the meeting was declared carried, 7 for, namely Councillor Douglas, Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Cubitt, Councillor Robinson, Councillor Coyle, Alderman Mullan and Councillor Carten. There was no vote against the proposal.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

EQIA – Logo: A number of concerns were raised at the wording and questions within the EQIA consultation on use of the bilingual logo. The Chief Executive agreed to relook at the documentation sent out to consultees, with a view to the questionnaire being amended and reissued as necessary.

Mayors Reception: The Mayor invited members to attend a Mayoral Reception for the Reverend Robb, outgoing minister of the Reformed Presbyterian church who was leaving the Borough to take up a new position in Enniskillen.

NEXT MEETING – 24 March 2009.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.00 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting