

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**17 APRIL 2007**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk and Director of Environmental Services.

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Douglas.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 20 March 2007 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Discussions in Committee:** Reference was made to page 3 of the minutes whereby a matter that was previously dealt with at a Development Committee **IN COMMITTEE** was leaked to the press. It was suggested that once a decision was made in committee, that this information should be in the public domain. It was agreed that the Chief Executive would clarify this at the April 2007 Monthly Council meeting.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – APRIL 2007:**

***Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged & issued, Entertainment Licences issued & transferred, Annual Report on Petroleum Spirit Storage Installations for 2007 and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report which was approved on the proposal Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

**Conversion of Heating Systems from Oil to Gas:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin to approve the conversion of the present oil fired heating system at Roe Valley Leisure Centre and Council offices to natural gas. Members noted that Council could expect to save £14,500

per year at the leisure centre and £878 per year at Council offices in the initial two-year contract with Firmus Gas. In addition to the financial savings, the conversion would provide a reduction of 30% in carbon output from each heating system.

**Benone Tourist Complet Access Barrier:** It was agreed to re-tender for supply and fit of access barrier at Benone Tourist Complex.

**Benone Tourist Complex Play Area Equipment:** Retrospective approval was agreed for the tender submitted by Play and Leisure Services for the supply and fit of play equipment at Benone Tourist Complex at a cost of £7,000.

Members pointed out that the play area had been locked up over the Easter Holidays and it was suggested that when the weather was good that the park be opened. Noted.

**Roller Shutter Doors at Roe Valley Leisure Centre:** It was agreed that the quotation submitted from Fortress/Anderson for supply and fit of two roller shutter doors at Roe Valley Leisure Centre at a cost of £4,400 would be approved.

#### ***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report and enlarged thereon. The report and recommendations within were adopted on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

**Smoking (NI) Order 2006 – Introduction of Smoking Controls:** The Director of Environmental Services explained that as the 30 April 2007 deadline approaches for the introduction of controls on smoking in most public places and workplaces, Councils Environmental Health Department were continuing to work with local businesses and employers to provide advice and information to assist compliance with the new requirements.

Members noted that the Environmental Health Department were drawing up plans for compliance monitoring visits to premises across the borough and that these would initially involve targeting visits to higher risk premises both during the day, evenings and at night time.

In the discussion that followed, a number of comments were made regarding enforcement of the legislation and possible increase in littering of butts by smokers. It was agreed that Council would adopt the Enforcement Policy Guidance in relation to the Smoking (NI) Order 2006.

**National Fallen Stock Scheme:** Council endorsed concerns raised by NILGA that subsidising of the fallen animal collection service would end in November 2008.

#### ***Technical Services Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Technical Services Report and enlarged thereon. The report and recommendations within were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Butcher subject to the following:

**Tender for Tree Surgery Work at Dungiven Castle Grounds:** The Director of Environmental Services explained that further to concerns raised by members at the March 2007 Environmental Services meeting, details of the survey from Planning Service which recommended tree surgery work to a number of trees at Dungiven Castle were issued for member's consideration. He said that tenders had been received for the work and recommended accepting the tender received from Country Tree Services in the sum of £2,200+VAT.

The recommended was accepted but concern was voiced at the lack of trust in a survey which had not been commissioned by Council.

**Tender for Play Equipment at Magilligan Play Area:** After evaluation, the tender received for £69,396 from Play & Leisure Services for Play Equipment at Magilligan was agreed. It was suggested that the work should be completed before the summer season.

Members stressed that play areas were also needed in Bovally and in Ballkelly.

**Quotation for Purchase of Wheeled Bins:** The quotation received for the supply and delivery of various sizes of wheeled bins from SSI Schaefer Andover, Lancs in the sum of £7,070+Vat was agreed.

**Council Nursery:** The Director of Environmental Services outlined that the current lease for the nursery ground expired in March 2007, however, the Department of Finance & Personnel had agreed to extend the lease until 31 October 2007. He said for the 2007/08 planting seasons Council could either procure all plant requirements by buying in or explore the possibility of leasing a suitable alternative site for relocation of the nursery.

Members debated the various options for the 2007/08 planting season and a number of suggestions were made and it was agreed that the Director of Environmental Services would take members comments on board and bring back a report to Council on costings for further consideration.

**Wayleave at Dungiven Castle Grounds:** Permission was granted to Mr O'Kane, 6 Magheramore Road, Dungiven for Wayleave at the Castle grounds for laying of a septic tank outfall pipe.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Director of Environmental Services agreed to investigate the following comments:

- that Council celebrate 25 years of the Milk Cup Tournament by planting a flower bed with Milk Cup logo;
- concern that a child's hand had been cut when using the slide at Drumsurn play area;
- possibility of signs or notification regarding location of bottle banks at Drumsurn;
- request that litter be cleared from hedgerows at Shanreagh Park and if possible gaps in hedge be filled in.

**Update of Dungiven Civic Amenity Site:** The Director of Environmental Services informed members that 4 sites had been investigated for locating civic amenity site in Dungiven, 2 were found to be unsuitable and the other 2 would need road widening scheme. It was suggested that Council investigate a partnerships with a private business in order to progress the situation.

**NEXT MEETING:** - 15 May 2007.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 8.30 pm)**

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