

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
17 JUNE 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 and E. Stevenson.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director of Environmental Services, Building Control Manager, Environmental Health Manager, Acting Technical Services Managers and the Chief Executive.

APOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON:

The Mayor took the chair and sought nominations for the appointment of chair for the year 2008/09. She reminded members that it had been agreed at the 2005 AGM that the SDLP would chair this committee.

Councillor Carten was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Butcher.

Councillor Carten took the chair and thanked members for nominating him as chairperson of the committee for 2008/09.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 20 May 2008 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

MATTERS ARISING:

The following issues were discussed:

- ◆ Council was advised that due to changes in contractual arrangements, green waste only was to be put in the brown bins. It was suggested that the media should be used to advise residents of what to put in the brown bins. In the meantime Council would continue through NWWMG to try to procure a service that would take both kitchen and garden waste.
- ◆ Members were informed that an initial survey had been conducted on provision of bus shelter in Ballykelly, however, the timing of the survey was not ideal as school children were on study leave. Officers were communicating with Translink regarding provision of the bus shelter.

- ◆ Members were advised that a meeting had been held with stakeholders regarding parking for commuters in Dungiven as a result of which, there was potential for a park and ride facility to be developed by Roads Service/Translink.
- ◆ Council to investigate what bins were in place outside the bus stations at Limavady and Dungiven.
- ◆ Quotations from Acoustic Consultants to carry out an acoustic assessment of Dungiven Community Hall and RVLC would be brought back to Council before deciding to proceed with such assessments.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – JUNE 2008:

Building Control Department:

The Building Control Manager presented the Building Control report which detailed applications approved and issued in May; Entertainment Licences issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Coyle subject to the following:

Applications for Grant of Occasional Entertainment Licence: The Building Control Manager explained that an application for the grant of an Occasional Entertainment Licence had been received for an open air music festival to be held 15 – 17 August 2008 between the hours of 10.30 am - 12.30 am in fields adjoining 61 Ballyavelin Road. He said the public notices placed in the local press would expire on 26 June and consultations with the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue and Police Service were taking place. He added that a number of objections had been received from residents who lived in close proximity to the proposed venue and concern had been raised about noise, pedestrian traffic and car parking.

Members indicated that they had been lobbied regarding the festival as it appeared that the public had not been consulted. It was suggested that the organisers and objectors be invited to the Special Council meeting to be held 22 July 2008. The Mayor indicated that she intended to facilitate a meeting between the organisers and objectors.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín that an Occasional Entertainment Licence would be granted for Charity Festival at Shackleton Barracks subject to no adverse comment from PSNI and NIFRS and no objection from the public. It was suggested that Water Service suspend work in Ballykelly during the event.

Grant of Amusement Permit: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Brolly that an Amusement Permit would be granted for Garry's Amusement Arcade, Ballykelly subject to no adverse comments from the Police Service or Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service.

Council Offices – CCTV System: It light of reduced estimate of £5,800 for provision of CCTV, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Butcher that officers proceed to obtain 3 quotations for the work.

Environmental Health Department:

The Environmental Health Manager presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information in relation to Dogs (NI) Order 1983, Bye-Laws Prohibiting the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in a Designated Place, renewal of Street Trading Licences under Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 and penalties issues and paid under the Litter (NI) Order 1994. The report and recommendation were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

Confidential Report – Revocation of Street Trading Licence: IN COMMITTEE.

The Environmental Health Manager detailed that a holder of a Street Trading Licence had been convicted of two offences of fraudulently using a trademark on tobacco packaging. She said that under section 10 (1) (e) of the Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001, the Council had discretionary power to revoke a licence if Council is of the opinion that activities which had given rise to the convictions render the applicant unsuitable to hold a licence.

In the discussion which followed it was agreed on a vote of 8 for, 2 against and 3 abstentions that Council would consider revocation of the licence and that officers would initiate appropriate administrative procedures. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

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 Cubitt subject to the following:

Dungiven Re-cycling Centre: The Director of Environmental Services outlined that a meeting had been held with the residents of Bleach Green Lane to discuss the provision of a re-cycling centre on lands adjacent to the Sports Pavilion. He said that the residents were informed of the legislative and environmental drivers for a modern re-cycling facility for the area and of the long history of attempting to find a suitable site. The meeting was also informed of the current approved site adjacent to the Sports Pavilion and of the agreement recently obtained from Roads Service which would allow access to the site from Chapel Road (via the existing entrance to the Sports Pavilion/Health Centre) as opposed to entering the site off Bleach Green Lane.

Members noted that the residents expressed a wide range of concerns regarding potential adverse impacts from the proposed development and felt that the existing entrance onto Chapel Road was difficult enough to negotiate and the development would blight their view of the countryside. Officers advised the residents that their concerns could be alleviated by good design and management of the facility. However, whilst acknowledging the need for a recycling facility, the residents did not want it in front of their homes and suggested that other locations should be considered. The Director of Environmental Services sought direction from Council on way forward.

In the discussion which followed a number of concerns were voiced, including if there were legal implications if Council decided to look for an alternative site and potential for fines to be imposed for failing to meet EU targets on recycling. It was

agreed on the proposal of Councillor Douglas, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that Council would proceed to prepare a new application to Planning Service for a recycling centre in Dungiven, incorporating the revised access to the area at the rear of Dungiven Sports Pavilion. Clarification was sought on surcharges if Council decided to move away from the approved site. Members were advised that the new application would attempt to move the boundaries of the facility as far as possible from the existing boundary within the general area.

Tenders: It was agreed that Council would accept tender no 2 from Play and Leisure Services and tender no 6 from Street Play Leisure for select list of playarea contractors for 2008-09.

Spring Clean/Clean up Campaign: The Chief Executive agreed to pass on members comments regarding the hard work and effort put in by Technical Service during the spring clean at the next Corporate Brief.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING – 19 August 2008.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.45 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting