

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

17 AUGUST 2010

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.35 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director Environmental Services, Waste Services Manager, Operations Manager and the Acting Environmental Health Manager.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors M Donaghy and A Robinson.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 15 June 2010 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Alderman Coyle.

MATTERS ARISING: -None.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – AUGUST 2010:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued between 1 June and 31 July 2010, Entertainment Licences issued, renewal of Bookmaker's Licence, renewal of Bookmaking Office Licence, Petroleum Spirit Storage Installations Licences and Facilities Management & Energy Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following:

Renewal of Entertainment Licence – Dungiven: The Director Environmental Services reported that during statutory consultation the PSNI had raised objections to the renewal of an Entertainment Licence at premises in Dungiven, citing breaches of the licensing laws pertaining to early and late opening offences. He said that when Officers of the Council visited the premises on Sunday 16 May 2010 at around 12.10 am, that was no system in place to monitor the number of persons being admitted to the premises and live entertainment was ongoing beyond the licensing hours stipulated on the Entertainment Licence. He added that the licensee had been informed of this breach and Councils powers of

enforcement. Taking the above factors into consideration, it was recommended that the request for renewal of the Entertainment Licence be refused.

There followed a discussion in which it was highlighted that if the Entertainment Licence was refused, it would impact on those employed in the premises. It was also highlighted that Council should take into consideration the licensee's blatant disregard to licensing legislation.

Councillor Douglas proposed, seconded by Councillor Stevenson that the recommendation to refuse the renewal of the Entertainment Licence be accepted. A recorded vote was requested on the proposal and on being put to the meeting was declared lost, 5 for, namely Councillor Douglas, Alderman Rankin, Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Cubitt and Alderman Robinson. Alderman Coyle, Councillor Mullan, Councillor Douglas, Councillor Butcher, Councillor Brolly, Councillor Ó hOisín and Councillor McElhinney, 7 voted against, with Councillor Carten abstaining from the vote.

The debate ended with a member stating that the business was acting illegally and that Councillors should not be supporting it.

Fire Safety Regulations (NI) 2010: Council agreed to accept the devolution of functions to Council under Article 33 (5) of the Fire & Safety Regulations (NI) 2010.

Working Arrangements between Council and Trading Standards: Council approved the collaborative working arrangements with the Trading Standards Service for the purpose of detection and investigation of rouge building practices.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Safety; Health & Safety, Licensing & Regulatory and Pollution Control. The recommendations were accepted on the proposal of Councillor Mullan, seconded by Alderman Rankin subject to the following:

Tender for the Supply of 1 No New Van for Dog Control: Members approved the tender for purchase of a van for dog control from Vauxhall Public Sector Support at a cost of £15,211.00. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mullan, seconded by Alderman Robinson that the words 'DOG WARDEN' would be put on the vehicle as a deterrent for those letting their dogs foul.

Query outside the Report:

Meeting with the Owner of a Fuel Distribution Business: The Director Environmental Services answered a query relating to correspondence to a Fuel Distribution Business. He indicated that Environmental Health staff would be happy to meet with the owner of the business to discuss general health & safety requirements but not to discuss a forthcoming court case. It was agreed that the proprietor of the business would contact the Director Environmental Services to arrange a meeting if he so wished.

Technical Services Department:

The Director Environmental Services presented the Technical Services Report and enlarged thereon. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following.

Drumaduff Landfill Site – Restoration & Remediation: The Director Environmental Services reported that Council was now in receipt of a draft Framework Agreement drawn up by the DoE as a proposed way forward for all five Council to deal with the issues of remediation and restoration of their landfill sites. He said the draft framework proposed a staged approach to progressing the matter and as members had been made aware, Council has already undertaken considerable preparatory works to the extent of having prepared a Site Closure Report which had been submitted to the NIEA 18 months ago.

Members expressed their frustration at the lack of feedback from the NIEA and to the fact that agreement had not been reached with the landowners.

Sponsorship of Roundabouts, Flowerbeds & Planted Areas: In response to a query on planting crocuses at the bottom of the Broad Road, the Director Environmental Services advised that the Sponsor would need to contact Roads Service with regard to planting the area out. Staff within Technical Service were congratulated for the excellent displays in flower baskets and beds.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Bilingual Townland Names: Councillor Brolly proposed, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín that money set aside within the budget should be used to erect bilingual townland name signs. In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that not everyone would welcome bilingual townland names and that they could be subjected to vandalism. It was also pointed out that the initial proposal for townland names did not stipulate that they would be bilingual and that a lot of the old townland names sounded Irish in nature.

After further discussion, the proposal was put to the meeting and declared lost, 4 for, 5 against and 3 abstentions. The Director Environmental Services agreed to clarify the policy of Magherafelt District Council with regard to townland names.

Grating at Roe Valley Leisure Centre: A member requested that a grating which had sunk in the car park at Roe Valley Leisure Centre be raised.

Request to Withdraw Court Case: IN COMMITTEE Councillor Brolly proposed, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín that the court case against a former sub-leasee of Dungiven Castle be withdrawn. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared lost, 4 voting in favour and 4 against. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 21 September 2010.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 10.10 PM

Signed: _____

Chair of Meeting