

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
17 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.15 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

Aldermen M Coyle, G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors, A Brolly, O Beattie, B Chivers (chair), B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, C McLaughlin, G Mullan, D Nicholl, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive, Director of Environmental Services and Committee Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:** None

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 20 August 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor T McCaul, seconded by Councillor J McCorkell.

**MATTERS ARISING:** None

**PRESENTATION BY THE VALE CENTRE:**

The Chair welcomed Mr Alan Hunter and Mr Patrick McGinnis, board members of Greysteel Community Enterprise and Mr Barry McGurgan of Peter Quinn Consulting to the meeting.

The Director of Environmental Services outlined the current formal agreement Limavady Borough Council has with Greysteel Community Enterprises to maintain the playing pitches at the Vale Centre, Greysteel.

Mr Hunter detailed the facilities at the Vale Centre and focused on the contribution it had made to the community over the last 18 years by providing much needed community interaction and social inclusion. He continued that the recreational facilities addressed the health and well-being issues and the development of sporting excellence in the area.

Mr McGurgan provided the statistical information regarding the project for the development of a 3G pitch at the Vale Centre which would cost in the region of £620K and has received financial assistance from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. He summarised the assistance required from Limavady Borough Council as follows:

- Council would maintain the new 3G pitch as it currently maintained the existing pitches at the Vale Centre.
- Council had the expertise and equipment to maintain the 3G pitch
- 50% of the existing GAA pitch site would be used, resulting in a saving to council as it would no longer require maintenance

- Council would have access to the 3G pitch for overspill demand of the Scroggy Road 3G pitch.

During the question and answer session the following issues were discussed:

- The board had no issues with sustainability or dealing with the new Causeway Coast & Glens Council post Reform of Public Administration.
- The exact cost to Limavady Borough Council would need to be identified.
- Assurance was given that no car boot sales would be held on the 3G pitch.
- The representatives of Greysteel Community Enterprises confirmed that as part of any maintenance agreement Limavady Borough Council would not be required to replace the pitch as the current financial projections had made provision for long term maintenance and replacement over a number of years.
- LED flood lighting would be installed which had a 10 year warranty therefore Council would not be required to maintain the lights. At the end of the warranty period responsibility would lie with the Greysteel Community Enterprises.

The chair thanked the representatives for their presentation and Messrs Hunter, McGinnis and McGurgan left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

Alderman G Robinson joined the meeting at 7.40 pm.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor McCorkell that the Director of Environmental Services would prepare the potential costs to Limavady Borough Council associated with the request to maintain the 3G pitch at the Vale Centre and bring them to the next meeting on 15 October 2013.

## **DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – SEPTEMBER 2013:**

### ***Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued, rejected and withdrawn between 1 August and 31 August 2013; Entertainment Licence's issued; and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was approved on the proposal of Councillor S McGlinchey, seconded by Alderman G Robinson subject to the following:

**Application for Renewal of Amusement Permit:** Council agreed that if no adverse comments were received from the PSNI the following application could be approved.

- James Desmond Higgins & Kathleen Margarett Higgins, 3 Old Coleraine Rd, Portstewart for the Regal Bingo Hall.

**Application for the Grant of a Bingo Licence:** Agreed that clarification be sought on the inclusion of gaming machines on the application submitted on behalf of DG Skye Ltd, 5A Bank Place, Londonderry for a Bingo Club Licence for premises at 40 Main Street, Dungiven. If time permitted the information would be brought back to the next meeting.

**Vacant Property Inspections (Non-Domestic):** Members were informed that the work on domestic properties had been completed and Building Control was presently involved in work to assist Land & Property Services (LPS) establish if particular non domestic properties within the Limavady Borough were vacant or now occupied. It was confirmed that this work would be carried out during routine Building Control inspections by Building Control staff within normal working hours.

**Development Services:** Agreed to the additional security measures to be introduced at the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre/Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Gleann na Ró to house the Brighter Gold artefacts at a cost of £1,827.00 plus VAT.

***Items Outside the Report:***

**Tender for the Supply of Gas:** It was agreed to accept the tender submitted by Firmus Energy for the supply of gas to the Roe Valley Leisure Centre in the sum of gas price p/kWh 2.320 pence and supplier margin p/kWh 0.0307 pence.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Consumer Protection, Environmental Protection; Food Control; Health & Safety, Licensing & Regulatory, Street Trading, Pollution Control, Welfare of Animals Act and Work Activity. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Councillor McCorkell, seconded by Councillor S McGlinchey subject to the following:

**Dilapidated Buildings, Neglected Sites and Defective Properties:** Agreed that Council would acknowledge Minister Durkin's letter and confirm that it will undertake an audit of the Borough as outlined in the report. The Graduate Attachment Programme (GAP) student would undertake the initial survey of the Borough to identify the relevant sites. In response to a member's query the Director of Environmental Services confirmed that Council would be looking at the buildings in Linenhall Street in the course of the audit and advised that the Development Services Manager was currently exploring potential schemes for Linenhall Street.

**Roads Service – Presentation to Council:** It was agreed that Roads Service would attend the Monthly meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 to give a presentation on the proposed environmental improvements to Linenhall Street, Limavady.

**Stray Dog Complaint [LR462/463-2013]** – As the fixed penalty has now been paid it was agreed that no further action would be taken.

**Unlicensed Dog [LR371-2013]** – It was agreed that this case be referred to Councils solicitor with the view to legal proceedings being instigated against the keeper of the dog.

**Starved Dog:** Members agreed that Limavady Borough Council accept the recommendation from Belfast Legal Services to initiate legal proceedings against the person responsible for unnecessary suffering pursuant to section 4(1) (c) of

the Animal Welfare Act (NI) 2011 and also for failing to make adequate welfare provision for the dog as required by good practice under section 9 of the said Act.

***Technical Services Report:***

The Director of 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 Councillor Beattie, seconded by Alderman Coyle subject to the following:

**Review of North West Region Waste Management Plan 2006-2020:** It was agreed to proceed with the review of the Waste Management Plan as per the timeframe laid out in the report. A copy of the Plan has been distributed to members on CD and/or electronically. A hard copy would be available on request. Typing error in section ES3 to be checked.

**Brown Bin Collection Services:** Members were advised that funding had been secured to purchase kitchen caddies which would be used in conjunction with the brown bin waste collection which would discontinue in November 2013 and recommence in the spring of 2014.

**Request for Bus Shelter at Craig's Shop, Ballykelly:** Survey to be carried out and findings brought back to Council.

**Quotation for 30 No Trees:** Delegated authority given to accept the best price for the purchase of 30 no trees for planting throughout the Borough

**IN COMMITTEE** on the proposal of Councillor McCorkell, seconded by Alderman Robinson.:

**Interim Contract for the Haulage, Recycling and Processing to End Markets of Mixed dry Recyclable Waste – Regan Waste Ltd:** The Director of Environmental Services summarised the Contract situation to date and advised that Council's solicitor would not recommend acceptance of the offer of settlement made by the contractor. It was agreed to accept the solicitor's advice and commence legal proceedings in the County Court. Members were informed that Limavady Borough Council had carried out their own exercise to identify what would be regarded as contamination and this would be followed up by a joint exercise next week to identify contentious items.

**OUT OF COMMITTEE** on the proposal of Councillor McCaul, seconded by Councillor McCorkell.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Flyposting –on Bus Shelters:** It was agreed to follow up the complaint about flyposting on bus shelters on the Derry to Belfast road to ascertain if any were within the borough.

**Funding Request:** Members agreed to a request from a Building Control Officer to fund an Advanced Diploma in Management Practice at a cost of £1,482.

**NEXT MEETING** – 15 October 2013.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.50PM**

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