

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**18 FEBRUARY 2014**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

Aldermen M Coyle 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, E Scott and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive, Director of Environmental Services and Personal Assistant.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 21 January 2014 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

**MATTERS ARISING:** - None

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS –  
FEBRUARY 2014:**

***Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged and issued between 1 January and 31 January 2014. The items for information were noted and the report was approved on the proposal of Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor Stevenson.

**Application for Grant of Entertainment Licence:** The applications outlined below, for the grant of an entertainment licence were approved subject to there being no adverse comments from the PSNI, NIFRS or public adverts:

- Ballykelly Presbyterian Church Hall, 14 Main Street, Ballykelly, Limavady
- Sportsmans Inn, 14-16 Main Street, Feeny

**Notice of Application for the Renewal of a Bingo Club Licence:** Council had no objection to the renewal of the application from James Desmond Higgins & Kathleen Margaret Higgins, Regal Bingo Club, 9 Catherine Street, Limavady.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Consumer Protection, Environmental Health, Health, Safety & Wellbeing, Licensing & Regulatory,

Street Trading and Work Activity. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Brolly subject to the following:

**Landlord Registration Scheme:** The Director of Environmental Services advised members that from 25 February 2014, all private landlords must register either immediately prior to the letting of a new tenancy, or where there is an existing tenancy, within 12 months. A number of members pointed out that registration by individual properties as opposed to by landlord would have generated more income from the fees.

**Proposed DSD Affordable Warmth Project:** Council agreed in principle to support the DSD proposal to utilise Council staff in the identification and referral of households to the 'Affordable Warmth' scheme. It was also recognised that the proposal would have implications beyond 2015 and as such the support of the STC would also be required.

Councillor Douglas left the meeting at 8 pm.

**Investigation into a dog attack on sheep [LR717-2013]:** Given the severity of this attack members accepted the recommendation that this case be referred to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being instigated against the dog owner. It was further agreed that if prosecution Council would seek to have a contingent destruction order issued by Court where by the dog is ordered to be destroyed unless sufficient measures are taken to prevent any similar attacks in the future.

**Unlicensed dogs [LR676-2013] & [LR644-2013]:** It was agreed that the cases be referred to Council's solicitor with the view to legal proceedings being instigated against the owners of the unlicensed dogs.

**On Street Drinking Offences [LR48-2014] & [LR64-2014]:** It was agreed that the cases be referred to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the persons identified for contravention of the bye-law prohibiting the consumption of intoxicating liquor in a designated place.

**Night-Time Noise Service:** As previously indicated to Council, the department is planning to pilot a night-time noise service which would provide a dedicated contact number to a complainant who is complaining of noise disturbance during the night to help officers establish the facts of the complaint and specialised noise equipment was required to operate the service. It was agreed to purchase the specialised equipment from ANV Measurements at a cost of £4983.

**Air Quality Management Area - Dungen:** The Director of Environmental Services reminded members that he had been instructed to write to the PHA to highlight air quality problems in Dungen and submitted response dated 3 February 2014 from Dr E Rooney which indicated its support for any measure including the prioritisation of the proposed bypass that would reduce the traffic volume. It was agreed that this letter should be forwarded to OFMDFM, the Minister for the Environment and Minister for Health.

**Dog Fouling:** The Director of Environmental Services informed members of ongoing attempts to reduce dog fouling throughout the Borough and following a suggestion by Councillor Mullan undertook to obtain costings for placing the

words dog warden on the Enforcement Officer's van. Councillor McLaughlin also requested that dog fouling signs be provided on the stretch of footpath between Magilligan Presbyterian Church and Bellarena Primary School.

***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 approved on the proposal of Councillor Mullan, seconded by Alderman Coyle subject to the following:

**Extension of Waste Services Contracts:** It was agreed to extend the contracts as outlined in the report in accordance with the extant contract terms and conditions for further period of twelve months until 31 July 2015.

**Maintenance of Enagh Cemetery:** The Director of Environmental Services highlighted difficulties being experienced by Council operatives in grass cutting where the number of items placed on graves has exceeded the number permitted. He referred to the policy in Fermanagh District Council whereby a limited number of items were permitted on Council maintained graves, with grave owners who did not wish to adhere to this policy given the option to maintain their own grave. Members were supportive of this approach but reiterated the need to deal with the matter in a sensitive manner. The Director of Environmental Services agreed to investigate this matter further.

**Bus Shelter - Oughtymoyle:** Director of Environmental Services to check the current status of the request for a bus shelter at Oughtymoyle by Councillor Mullan.

**TASCOMI – TE Care – Web Based Software:** It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of the web based software system. The Director of Environmental Services informed members that Ballymoney Borough Council and Coleraine Council already use the software and Moyle District Council are currently purchasing the same system.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -**

**Civic Reception:** Following a request by Councillor McCorkell, it was agreed that a civic reception be held for North West ladies indoor bowling team who had recently won the 2014 inter zone title.

**FMS/ME Awareness NI:** The Director of Environmental Services reported that a request had been received from the above charitable group to light the Council Offices in purple and blue on 12 May 2014 to mark national awareness day for chronic pain which was agreed. It was further agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey to light the building in green on St Patrick's Day.

**US Consul General:** The Chief Executive reported that the Consul General, Mr Gregory Burke, would be visiting Limavady on Wednesday 26th March 2014 and would meet with Council and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce at 3 pm in Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre to provide an overview of his role as Consul General and discuss potential economic/tourism related linkages and opportunities between the Borough and the United States.

**NEXT MEETING** – 18 March 2014.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.50PM**

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