

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

**MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

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

**PRESENT:**

**In the Chair:** Councillor Stevenson

Aldermen G. Mullan, J. Rankin and G. Robinson. Councillors A. Brolly, P. Butcher, M. Carten, B. Chivers, M. Coyle, M. Donaghy, B. Douglas, J. F. McElhinney, C. Ó hOisín and A. Robinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Admin Officer and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - Councillor L. Cubitt

**MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2008:**

The minutes of meeting held February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Rural Development Programme 2007 – 2013:** Following the recent RPA announcement by Minister of Environment, Arlene Foster which groups Limavady with Coleraine, Ballymoney and Moyle, Alderman Rankin felt that the Rural Development Programme should be grouped with those councils instead of the current cluster with Omagh. Councillor Butcher advised that already work had already commenced with Omagh and the mandatory deadline set for June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 was already tight without changing groups at this stage.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – MARCH 2008:**

**Member Training:** The Chief Executive highlighted that training sessions including Disability training; Good relations; Corporate Manslaughter; Governance Issues be held for members on a quarterly basis and it was suggested that they would be held in advance of the Monthly meetings. Alderman Rankin proposed that the training sessions take place prior to Support Services meeting, commencing at 5:30, seconded by Councillor Coyle. Dates would be agreed with Human Resources and members advised accordingly.

**WESTERN GROUP ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

**Minutes:** Minutes of meeting dated December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were noted.

**WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST:**

**Minutes:** Minutes of meeting dated January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 were noted.

**RESOLUTION FROM DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL:**

The following resolution from Down District Council was noted:

“In considering the world-wide concern over climate change and inexorable rise in the price of oil and gas, and in the interests of the people of Down and NI, and in consideration of the need to have a consistent approach to climate change across the UK and the importance of meeting our obligations in an all-island pan-European energy market this Council expresses its great concern that recent separate decisions by ministers in the Assembly, when taken together, will effectively end the fledgling renewable energy industry in NI losing over 100 high-skill private sector jobs in County Down and over 1,000 around NI and this Council resolves:

- Write to the Minister of Enterprise Trade and Investment and to ask him to reconsider the decision to end the Reconnect Grants for renewable energy in housing in March and further calls for the Minister to continue the Reconnect scheme until 2010 and taper off afterwards.
- Write to the Minister of Department of Social Development and ask for her to consider implementing a zero carbon approach using renewable energy for the 5,200 new social homes in the recent budget in line with the UK Code for Sustainable Homes.
- And this Council will remind the ministers of the need to build up the capability of the renewable industry in NI to cope with the UK governments declared intention to move towards “zero-carbon” buildings from 2013 onwards, with the next step in 2010”

**CONSULTATIONS:**

It was agreed that the Corporate Policy Officer would respond to the following consultation documents and include any additional comments made by members:

- Proposals for Health and Social Care Reform from Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (response due May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008)
- Review of the Regulation of Reservoirs and dams in NI from Rivers Agency (response due April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008)
- Draft amendment regulations regarding the blue badge scheme in NI from Roads Service (response due June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008).
- DETI Corporate Plan 2008-2011 from Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (response due April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008).
- Invest NI Corporate Plan 2008-2011 from Invest NI (response due April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008).

**COURSES / CONFERENCES**

**Confederation of European Councillors – Developments in the planning systems, North and South:** It was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Mullan that Councillor Carten be nominated to attend this conference to be held in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at a cost of £120.

**La Touche Legacy Seminar – The relationships between local authorities and the business sector – are there lessons to be learned?:** Councillor Brolly expressed an interest in this conference which was proposed by Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Chivers. The conference would be held in Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Wicklow on October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at a cost of €120 plus accommodation

#### **SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS**

**Council with Hands that Talk:** Lease and Counterpart in respect of lands adjacent to Dungiven Castle was signed and sealed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Brolly.

**Council with St. Canice’s Gaelic Athletic Club:** Lease and Counterpart was signed and sealed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Brolly.

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

**Vesting of land at Catherine Street:** Councillor Douglas advised that he had met with Ms. Hunt the proprietor embroiled in the proposed Catherine Street development. He said that she was disappointed that no officer or elected member had visited her regarding the potential vesting of her garden which she learned about in the paper. The Chief Executive advised that he was not happy for officers to visit Ms. Hunt without Council’s approval or legal advice.

**North West Zone Bowling Club:** Councillor Robinson requested a letter be sent to Mr. J. Pinkerton, Convenor of North West Zone Bowling Club who recently won the Irish Indoor Bowling Championships.

**Easter Sunday – Wreath Laying Ceremony:** Councillor McElhinney proposed Council be represented officially by the Mayor’s office and an officer at the Easter commemoration and laying of wreath in Dungiven on Easter Sunday on behalf of the Borough, which was seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín.

**St. Patrick’s Day Parade at Westport:** Councillor Chivers requested a letter be sent to representatives of Ardinarriff Flute Band who attended the St. Patrick’s Day celebrations in Westport which had been well received and a great example of good relations.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS  
(The meeting ended at 9.10 pm)**

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