

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

18 MARCH 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), R Donaghy, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, G Mullan, D Nicholl, A Robinson, E Scott and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Environmental Services and the Committee Clerk.

PRESENTATION BY WESTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST (WHST) – SMOKE FREE POLICY:

The Chair welcomed Dr Albert McNeill, Lead Clinician for Cardiology, Western Health & Social Care Trust to the meeting.

Dr McNeill explained that due to the impact of smoking on health; the danger of second hand smoke and to the need to change the previous policy, the WHST had adopted a new Smokefree Policy. He said that the Smokefree Policy in healthcare facilities would protect & support patients; improve the aesthetics of the facility by providing clean air & butt free grounds as well as looking after the health and safety of Trust employees.

Dr McNeill stated that from 12 March 2014 all Trust premises, vehicles, exit/entrances would be smoke-free, with the exceptions of private residential accommodation and designated smoke rooms in care homes. He said as a smokefree organisation, smoking would be prohibited in all areas, including internal roads cars and car parks. He added that to reinforce the need for a smokefree environment, smokers would be offered support and education on the dangers of smoking and given help to quit.

It was noted that the WHST was the first Health Service Trust to introduce a complete smokefree campus and that the focus was not just on policing the changes but encouraging a cultural shift, so it would become unthinkable that anyone – staff, patients or visitors would smoke on a Trust site. It was suggested that Council hold a NO SMOKING clinic to help staff quit smoking.

The Chair thanked Dr McNeill for attending the meeting.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 18 February 2014 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor McCorkell.

MATTERS ARISING: - None

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – MARCH 2014:***Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged and issued between 1 – 28 February 2014. The items for information were noted and the report was approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Alderman J Rankin subject to the following:

Application for Grant of Entertainment Licence: It was agreed that the application for grant of an entertainment licence for Calablanca Bar, Ballykelly would be approved subject to there being no adverse comments from the PSNI or NIFRS.

Application for Transfer of a Liquor Licence: Council had no objection to the application for transfer of a Liquor Licence for Calablanca Bar, Ballykelly.

Application for an Order for Additional Permitted Hours: Council had no objection to the application for additional permitted hours for sale of liquor at the Well Bar, Ballykelly.

Refurbishment Work to Plant Room at Roe Valley Leisure Centre: It was agreed that following evaluation of applications from contractors for inclusion on a select list for the above works, that six contractors would be included on the select list and invited to tender for refurbishment work to the plant room at Roe Valley Leisure Centre.

Joint Electricity Tender: It was agreed that the Joint Electricity Tender carried out across councils in Northern Ireland for the financial year 2014/15 would be accepted.

Maintenance Contract Extensions: It was agreed that Council would formally extend the current service contracts outlined within the Building Control Report and to include MCA Systems until 31 March 2015 under the existing terms, conditions and rates.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Control, Health Safety & Wellbeing, Consultations and Work Activity. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Alderman J Rankin subject to the following:

Landlord Registration Scheme: The Director of Environmental Services recommended that Limavady Borough Council set the fixed penalty fine for failing to register a property in accordance with the legislation for the Landlord Registration Scheme at £500 and at £100 for failure to provide evidence of registration. Agreed.

Extension of Public Health Agency Fuel Poverty Scheme Beyond 31 March 2014: It was agreed that Limavady Borough Council would accept the Public Health Agency proposal and use the Fuel Poverty Scheme to support LCDI to operate the Fuel Stamp Saving Scheme during 2014/15.

Unlicensed Dog - Ref LR49-2014: It was agreed that a case regarding non-payment of a fixed penalty fine for an unlicensed dog would be referred to Council Solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the dog owner under Article 17 (1) of the Dogs Order.

Breach of Control Condition Notice – Ref LR108-2014: It was agreed that as the fixed penalty fines had been paid with regard to the above case, that no further action would be taken.

Technical Services Department:

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 Councillor T McCaul subject to the following:

Quotations: The Director of Environmental Services gave an overview of various quotations and the following was agreed:

- Contract for the supply of general protective clothing for Council Operational staff – recommendation to be brought back to a subsequent meeting.
- Contract for supply of tyres and tubes for Council vehicles – recommendation to be brought to the April 2014 Environmental Services meeting.
- Quotations for 1no static compactor for Limavady Household Recycling Centre - approval given to purchase the static compactor from Gradeall International in the sum of £9,300.
- Quotations for 2no compactor containers for Limavady Household Recycling Centre – approval given to purchase the compactor containers from Numac Fabrications Ltd in the sum of £7,100.
- Quotation for 7no roll on roll off skip containers – agreed that the quotation from Numac Fabrications Ltd in the sum of £18,700 would be accepted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Path Along the River Bank at Limavady: A member requested that weeds & grass be cut and litter cleared from a section of the path along the river bank. The Director of Environmental Services agreed to check with the Director of Development if the pathway was Councils responsibility.

Enagh Cemetery: Reference was made to parking problems at Enagh Cemetery and it was queried if an area of land next to Whitehill Park could be used to provide additional parking. The Director of Environmental Services agreed to investigate.

Presentation – Lyons Club: It was suggested that the Lyons Club present to Council, possibly at the next Development meeting.

Reminder – Visit by Consul General: The Chief Executive reminded members that the US Consul General Mr Gregory Burton would be visiting the Borough on Wednesday 26 March 2014 and that he would meet with elected members at 2 pm in Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre.

NEXT MEETING – 15 April 2014.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.40 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting