

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
18 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.20pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES: - None

PRESENTATION BY THE ROADS SERVICE REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR CATHERINE STREET, LIMAVADY.

The Chair welcomed Mr Austin Montgomery, (Roads Service), Mr Martin Quigg (DSD) and Mr Ruairi McCloskey (Whitemountain) to the meeting.

Mr Quigg advised members that in addition to the Market Street improvement scheme which was completed last year at a cost £200k, a further £300k has been secured to carry out a similar project on Catherine Street which would be carried out using the same contractor, Whitemountain.

Mr Montgomery outlined the scheme for Catherine Street and distributed drawings and brochures detailing the surface materials to be used. The project had a start date of 24 September 2012 with phases 1 and 2 due for completion by the end of November. The next phase would be complete by the Christmas embargo and the final phase programmed for completion during January 2013. He acknowledged that the programme of work was fairly ambitious and would cause some disruption but assured members that this would be kept to a minimum with the creation of a temporary footpath to maintain access to the shops at all times. The contractor advised that he would inform shop owners when work was scheduled to take place in front of their shops and guaranteed that the work would not take more than three days for each shop front. Mr Montgomery highlighted the issue of the undulating pavement between Irish Green Street and the fire station. The solution agreed was to build a small plinth wall to allow an even grade footpath and provide a hand rail to aid pedestrians.

Following a lengthy discussion the following points were addressed.

- The contractor and Roads services would be consulting with traders about the proposed programme of works after this meeting.
- Work may be carried out on Sundays to minimise disruption.

- At a member's request Mr Montgomery agreed to refer the issue about the removal of the double yellow lines on Catherine Street to facilitate parking from Irish Green Street to the fire station to the Traffic Section.
- The reduction in the width of the footpath in front of the Sunflower Chinese takeaway would prove difficult because of the undulating pavement.
- Input from any disability groups would be welcomed. The proposed works scheme will be raised at the next meeting of the Council's Disability Working Group.
- The Director of Environmental Services would liaise with the street traders to agree an alternative location for their stalls during the improvement works.

The Chair thanked Mr Montgomery, Mr Quigg and Mr McCloskey for attending the meeting.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 21 August 2012 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor McCorkell.

MATTERS ARISING: None

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – SEPTEMBER 2012:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued, and cancelled between 1 and 31 August 2012; applications for Entertainment Licence; property Certificates issued, application for renewal of Liquor Licence, and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Brolly subject to the following:

Application for the Grant of an Entertainment Licence: An addendum to the Building Control report was tabled and provided details of an application for the grant of an Entertainment Licence from Michael and Annette Galbraith for the Calablanca Bar, 63-65 Main Street, Ballykelly. Members had no objection to the application being approved.

Renewal of Liquor Licence: The applications detailed in the report for the renewal of liquor licences were approved by members. Council offered no objection to addendum to the Building Control report tabled at the meeting which detailed the application for provisional grant of liquor licence and final grant of liquor licence from Martin and Josephine O'Kane for premises at 23 Gortnaghey Road, Dungiven.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act, Licensing & Regulatory; and Tobacco Control. The report and

recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Coyle subject to the following:

Enforcement Policy for the Functions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment (NI) Act 2011: The Director of Environmental Services advised that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment (NI) Act 2011 (CNEA) came into force on 2 May 2011. He added that the objective of the CNEA was to improve the quality of the local environment by giving Councils additional powers to deal with litter, nuisance alleys, graffiti and fly posting, abandoned and nuisance vehicles, dogs and statutory nuisance. An enforcement policy has been developed by the Environmental Health Department to ensure that the provisions of the CNEA would be enforced in a consistent, proportionate and fair manner in the Borough. He continued that in line with the additional provisions of the CNEA in relation to dog control the existing dog control enforcement policy would be amended and separate policies in relation to litter and noise would be developed and brought to Council for approval at a later date. Members welcomed the new controls and approved the Enforcement Policy for the Functions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment (NI) Act 2011 on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Brolly. Council agreed to the recommendation that the penalty for the offence of carrying out an act of fly posting or graffiti would be set at £50.00. The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that all relevant premises in the Borough have been written to and advised to cease any illegal fly posting and that premises outside of the Borough who have involved in previous episodes of fly posting within the Borough.

Dog Control Orders: Members were informed that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment (NI) Act 2011 allowed Council to issue Dog Control Orders for specified areas of land and explained that Dog Control Orders regulated how persons exercised control over their dogs in public areas where increased dog control is desirable. It was agreed to amend The Enforcement Policy for the Functions of Dog Control to reflect this legislative change.

Dog Attack in Limavady – Ref: LR632/638 – 2012: Agreed that the matter be referred to Council's solicitor with instructions to instigate legal proceedings against the owner of the dogs.

Unlicensed Dog Offences [LR486/2012] and [LR/442/2012]: Council agreed that the matters be referred to Council's solicitors with instructions to instigate legal proceedings against the dog owners for these offences.

On Street Drinking Offences: It was agreed to refer the 3 incidents detailed to the 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.

New Pilot Energy Efficiency Scheme for Limavady Council Area: The Director of Environmental Services stated that as part of the 2011 Fuel Poverty Strategy the Department for Social Development in conjunction with Limavady Borough Council would be piloting a new scheme to improve energy efficiency in the most vulnerable homes the Limavady Borough Council area. 125 homes in the Dungiven, Feeny and Glack/Ballykelly area have been selected to take part in a door step survey conducted by Council staff to identify a range of energy efficiency improvements which would include loft insulation, cavity wall

insulation, servicing of existing boiler or provision of a new energy efficient boiler. Members were advised that the homes have been identified by the University of Ulster using data from the census, benefit claims etc. He continued that Council would utilise an Environmental Health student and a volunteer registered under the WHEAP project to carry out the surveys with all associated expenses being charged to this project.

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 subject to the following:

Tender for the Haulage, Treatment and Recycling of Mixed Dry Recyclable Waste (Blue Bin Waste): The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that the contract had been awarded to Regan Waste Ltd. with a start date of 3 September 2012 for a five year period with an option of two further extensions each for one year. The contract documents were signed and sealed at the meeting.

Waste Data Flow Report: The Director of Environmental Services wished to acknowledge the effort made by householders in increasing the amount of waste being recycled to 47% with 53% going to landfill.

Quotation for the Supply and Delivery of 30 No Root-balled trees for Various Areas within the Borough: It was agreed to accept the quotation from Annaveigh Plants in the sum of £666.00 for 12-14 cm girth size trees and £906.00 for 14-16 cm girth size trees.

Christmas Lighting: The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that funding had been set aside in this year's budget for additional Christmas lighting and that this expenditure could be capitalised. It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson to instruct Road Service to proceed to install the necessary sockets in a total of 21 street lighting columns 7 at each of the following locations Connell Street car park, lower Main Street Limavady and Main Street Ballykelly at a cost of £11,000.

Play Areas & Grounds Maintenance: In response to a member's query about the lights not working on the path adjacent to the Roe Valley Leisure Centre, the Director of Environmental Services advised that the main cable had been relayed due to water seepage into the joints and new lighting heads had been ordered. He assured members that the lights would be working very shortly and he agreed to raise the issue of the faulty spotlight in the play park at Blackburn Park with Technical Services.

At Councillor Douglas's request it was agreed to deal with Any Other Business before the meeting would go "Into Committee".

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Civic Reception Request: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Douglas, seconded by Alderman Robinson that a civic reception be held for Laura Maxwell, a young cyclist from Limavady to mark her outstanding achievements in recent Ulster Cycling Championship events.

IN COMMITTEE on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor McCaul.

Tender for the Haulage, Treatment and Disposal of NWRWMG collected local Authority Residual Municipal Waste (Short Term Contract) – Tender OJEU Contract Notice Number 2012/S 101-168791: The Director of Environmental Services summarised the tender evaluation report prepared by the North West Region Waste Management Group (NWRWMG) for the contract as detailed above. He advised members that under this contract black bin residual waste would be sorted to achieve a greater level of recycling and diversion which would assist Limavady Borough Council in achieving the targets set for reducing waste going to landfill. Currently all black bin waste goes to landfill. He continued that 2 tenders had been received; evaluated, final scores agreed and signed off. It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Beattie to accept the tender submitted by the North West Recycling Consortium for the above service.

Tender for the Treatment of NWRWMG Collected Commingled Waste from HWRC's and from Other Council services – tender OJEU Contract Notice Reference Number 2012/S 101-168790: The Director of Environmental Services summarised the tender evaluation report prepared by the North West Region Waste Management Group (NWRWMG) for the contract as detailed above. He advised members that the same tendering procedure and evaluation process had been carried out as per the previous tender 101-168791 but that a slightly different scoring system had been used. He continued by outlining the various options available to Council regarding this contract and explained the benefits of accepting the tender submitted by the North West Recycling Consortium. He explained that under the terms and conditions of this contract at least 25% of waste would have to be recycled and at least 25% of waste would be diverted away from landfill. Following a lengthy debate it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey to accept the tender submitted by the North West Recycling Consortium for the above service. : **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

NEXT MEETING – 16 October 2012.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 10.05 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting