

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
18 NOVEMBER 2008**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen G. Mullan, J. Rankin and G. Robinson. Councillors A Brolly, P. Butcher, M. Carten (chair), L Cubitt, M. Coyle, B. Chivers, M. Donaghy, B. Douglas, J. F. McElhinney, C. Ó hOisín, A Robinson and E. Stevenson.

APOLOGIES: - None.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 21 October 2008 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – NOVEMBER 2008:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control report which detailed applications approved and issued in September 2008; Entertainment Licences issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

Traffic Control Barrier at Benone: Council approved quotation in the sum of £2,900 from Radiocontract Ltd for the replacement of the traffic control barrier at Benone Tourist Complex.

Rainwater Harvesting Systems: The Director of Environmental Services requested that Council consider installation of rain water harvesting systems at the following locations:

- ◆ Council Offices for use in the toilets at a cost of £17,000, with a financial pay back period of 12 years;
- ◆ Roe Valley Leisure Centre for use in toilets at a budget cost of £41,000, with a financial pay back period of 6 years;

- ◆ Council Depot for use in the toilets, vehicle washing and flower watering at a budget cost of £12,000, with a financial payback period of 7 years and
- ◆ Benone Tourist Complex for use in toilets at a budget cost of £24,000, with a financial pay back period of 18 years.

There followed a discussion on carbon savings, maintenance costs and payback period. It was agreed that the rainwater harvesting system would be initially installed at Council depot and would be reviewed in 12 months time to determine the viability of the system.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information in relation to Health & Well Being, Licensing & Regulatory issues, Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 and Pollution Control. The report and recommendations were adopted on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

Air Quality Management Area – Dungiven: The Director of Environmental Services informed members that a further assessment of the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in Main Street, Dungiven had been carried out as required by the second round of review of assessment of air quality. He said updated monitoring suggested that the objectives of the Air Quality Strategy with regard to nitrogen oxides (NO_x) levels had been exceeded further east along Main Street outside the current AQMA, therefore it was recommended that Council exercise its powers under the Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 and make an Order to amend the AQMA for Dungiven. Agreed.

Members noted that although background pollution contributed to poor air quality, heavy goods vehicles were the main contributors of overall NO_x levels in the AQMA, followed by cars and light goods vehicles. It was agreed that a deputation lead by the Mayor would request a meeting with the Regional Development Minister regarding extension of the AQMA and to lobby for de-coupling of the proposed by-pass from the wider dualling scheme for the area. It was agreed that the deputation would include officers who had the facts and figures on Dungiven AQMA.

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 and recommendations adopted on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

Drumaduff Landfill Site – Restoration & Remediation: The Director of Environmental Services advised that a draft reviewed and updated Restoration & Remediation Plan for Drumaduff landfill site would be available from RPS Consulting Engineers by mid December and that a presentation would be delivered to Council at the December Environmental Services meeting.

Household Recycling Centre (HRC): The Director of Environmental Services informed members that discussions had taken place with regard to income generation from textiles collected at HRC's across the Borough from banks belonging to Cookstown Textile Recyclers (CTR) and Can Can. He said both companies had been

approached to make an offer for this service as it was known that prices in the range of £250 - £300 per tonne had been offered by the market to other Council's for the collection of textiles.

Members noted that Can Can had clarified that they were a charity and not in a position to offer payment for the tonnage collected. Given the amount of training opportunities offered to adults with learning disabilities by Can Can and through projects such as BEYOND operating in Rossmarr School, it was agreed to continue the current arrangements with Can Cans 5 existing textile banks and also to continue to generate income from textile banks belonging to Cookstown Textile Recyclers.

Dernaflaw Play Area: It was agreed that the site boundary at Dernaflaw Play Area would be slightly adjusted to allow access by local housing developer to proposed housing development next to the play area.

Vale Centre – Pitch Maintenance: Council refused and rejected details stipulated by the Vale Centre Board for adjustment to Maintenance Agreement for pitches at the Vale Centre. It was agreed that Council would seek legal advice on previous verbal agreement to maintain the pitches.

Kings Lane & Associated Car Park: It was agreed that costing for gates to close off the car park at Kings Lane would be tabled at the December Environmental Services meeting.

Ibex Fencing at Benone Tourist Complex Golf Course: It was agreed that tender evaluation for ibex fencing at Benone Tourist Complex Golf Course would be discussed at the December Environmental Services meeting.

TABLED FOR INFORMATION:

- ◆ details of NILGA Seminar 'Initiating Change – Building Strong Local Government' to be held Friday 28 November 2008 in Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown. Alderman Rankin and Councillor Stevenson expressed an interest in attending.
- ◆ letter of complaint regarding Disabled Annual Membership at Roe Valley Leisure Centre.
- ◆ letter from Translink regarding engineering work to extend track between Ballymena and Coleraine and closure of service from late March to June 2008.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- ◆ A member highlighted that a number of complaints had been received regarding a sign in Irish at Albert Terrace and requested that this be removed.
- ◆ A member requested that Council review bus shelter provision at A6/Curragh Road junction, Dungiven.

NEXT MEETING – 16 December 2008.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.00 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting