

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

18 NOVEMBER 2014

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle, A Robiinson and J Rankin. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, R Donaghy, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, G Mullan, E Scott and E Stevenson (Chair).

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES: - Councillor D Nicholl.

CONDOLENCES:

Members commented on the death of former Councillor, Brian Brown who had passed away the previous week. Amongst the comments made was that he was generous to a fault, big in stature & in heart and would be sadly missed. It was agreed that a letter of condolence would be forwarded to the Brown family. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 21 October 2014 were approved on the proposal of Alderman J Rankin, seconded by Councillor E Scott.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

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

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, rejected and withdrawn between 1 – 31 October 2014. The items for information were noted and the report was approved on the proposal of Councillor E Scott, seconded by Councillor B Chivers subject to the following:

Applications for Occasional Licence: Council had no objection to the application for an occasional licence by the licence holder of The Arcade Bar to sell liquor on 27-28 December 2014 in Dungiven Community Hall.

Council had no objection to the application for occasional licence by the licence holder of The Rising Sun Bar to sell liquor on 29-30 November in The Vale Centre, Greysteel.

Transfer of a Liquor Licence: Council had no objection to the transfer of a liquor licence from Marcelle Thompson to Willis & Ryan McLaughlin.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Safety, Health Safety & Well Being, Licence & Regulatory, Pollution Control and work activity. The items for information were noted and the report adopted on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor O Beattie subject to the following:

Alleged Dog Attack on a Person: The Director of Environmental Services reported that a complaint about a dog attack on a person in Dungiven had been received by the Department on 6 November 2014. He advised that the injured party was interviewed and details of the alleged incident involving a black Bull Terrier type dog was recorded. He said that the owner of the dog was interviewed but she denied the alleged attack involved her dog; however the complainant was adamant that it was the same dog which had attacked him. The Enforcement Officer called at the address and confirmed that the dog in question was a Staffordshire type.

The Director of Environmental highlighted that the incident was recorded and a Control Condition had been attached to the dog licence to ensure the dog is kept securely confined in a building, yard or other enclosure when not under control. He said that a £50 fixed penalty for the straying offence had also been issued. It was agreed that the case would be referred to Councils solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being instigated against the dog owner for the dog attack on a person.

Unlicensed Dog: The Director of Environmental Services advised that a complaint had been received by the Department on 19 September 2014 alleging that a black Terrier type dog was straying and fouling around Coolessan Walk. He said that the owner of the dog was identified and a £50 fixed penalty was issued for payment by 3 November 2015. As of 7 November, the penalty remained unpaid.

It was agreed that legal proceedings would be taken against the owner of the dog for keeping an unlicensed dog.

Illegal Deposit of waste at Loughermore Forest, Greysteel: The Director of Environmental Services informed members that DARD Forest Service had provided the Department with documentation, which was illegally deposited at Loughermore Forest. He said correspondence with a name and address was contained amongst the documentation and using this information a Notice under Article 20 of the Litter (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 was issued. He added that a completed Notice was received wherein the person admitted a friend had committed the offence. On the basis of the information, a £50 fixed penalty was issued, however as of 7 November, no contact has been made by the person and the penalty remains unpaid.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to Councils solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being instigated for the offence of littering as defined under Article 23 of the Litter (NI) Order 1994.

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 Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor B Chivers subject to the following:

Tender for the Haulage, Treatment and Disposal of NWRWMG collected Local Authority Residual Municipal Waste: The Director of Environmental Services informed members that following evaluation of tenders, it was determined that none of bids met the required specification and therefore none of the tenders were accepted. He said that the current service provider had agreed to continue with the service, with a slight increase in cost which was in line with inflation. Noted.

Enagh Cemetery: Members were advised that the new toilet block and maintenance building was nearing completion by Councils in house operations staff.

A member indicated that the new parking facilities at the cemetery were excellent and well finished. He suggested that signage be erected to direct vehicles to the parking area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Air Quality Monitoring in Dungiven: In response to a member, the Director of Environmental Services confirmed that the air quality monitoring unit in Dungiven had been repaired. He also responded to a query on particulate monitoring in the area.

NEXT MEETING – 16 December 2014.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.25 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting