

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**

**18 DECEMBER 2007**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.15 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

**In the Chair:** Councillor Stevenson

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Chief Executive and the Director of Development.

**APOLOGIES:** - Councillor Donaghy

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting held 27 November 2007 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Coyle.

**MATTERS ARISING:** - None.

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD 21 NOVEMBER 2007:**

The minutes of special meeting held 21 November 2007 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

**MINUTES OF ROE VALLEY CHAMBER OF TRADE:**

The minutes of Roe Valley Chamber of Trade (RVCT) meeting held 3 December 2007 were tabled and noted.

Reference was made to the request by the group to meet with Council and it was agreed that they would be invited to sit in the viewing gallery during the Rates meeting on 16 January 2008 and that an informal meeting to discuss decision regarding the Civic Centre project would directly follow.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT – DECEMBER 2007:**

**Memorandum of Understanding:** The revised Memorandum of Understanding relating to joint venture between NWRWMG and SWaMP for MBT plant was adopted and sealed. It was agreed that Alderman Rankin and Councillor Carten would sit on the Joint Committee of Councils and that Armagh would be the lead Council.

**Response to Draft Budget 2008-2011:** The Chief Executive outlined that Council had endorsed the NILGA response to the Draft Programme for Government document at the November 2007 Monthly meeting. He said NILGA had prepared a further draft response to the Draft Budget 2008-11 and had requested that Council pass a motion to send this to OFMDFM as part of the public consultation process by 4 January 2007. Agreed.

**Limavady Grammar School Citizenship Class:** It was noted that following on from the success of 'Members Question Time' during Local Democracy Week, Limavady Grammar School had requested that members meet and talk to the Citizenship Class in January or early February 2008. Alderman Rankin, Councillor Coyle, Councillor Butcher, Councillor Ó hOisín and Councillor Stevenson indicated that they would be free to attend but requested clarification from the Grammar School on how many members could attend and if it was one from each party.

**Request for Presentation to Council:** It was agreed that a deputation from Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Association would address Council at the February 2008 Planning & Services meeting.

#### **EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:**

- Western Health & Social Services Board – 27 September 2007

#### **RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL:**

The resolution submitted by West Lothian Council which referred to the imposition of tax charges to its leisure facilities was tabled and noted.

#### **CONSULTATIONS:**

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

- Board for Mental Health and Learning Disability – Mental Health and Learning Disability Budget (response due 4 January 2008)
- Department of Education/Department for Employment and Learning – Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Strategy Consultation (response extended to 28 December 2007).

#### **COURSES/CONFERENCES:**

**NILGA Conference – The Challenge of Change:** It was agreed that Councillor Cubitt and Councillor Coyle would attend the NILGA conference 'The Challenge of Change' to be held 7 & 8 February 2008 in Millennium Forum at a cost of £199+VAT.

**SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:** - None.

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

**Lead Council - Rural Development Programme:** The Chief Executive explained that Omagh District Council were insistent on being the lead partner in

cluster for the Rural Development Programme and Limavady had similarly stated their desire to be the lead Council. He said no progress had been made at a meeting with Omagh Council and sought members direction on way forward.

In the debate which followed, Councillor Cubitt proposed that LBC join with Coleraine and Moyle in a cluster group for the programme but on being put to the meeting was declared lost, with 6 voting for and 8 against. After discussion, Councillor Ó hOisín proposed that LBC formally cluster with Omagh, Strabane and Derry City Council in the Rural Development Programme and that Omagh District Council take the lead role in this. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 8 voting for, and 6 against.

**Proposed Abandonment of Length of Crebarkey Road:** Members approved of the draft response to Roads Service on proposed abandonment of a length of Crebarkey Road, Dungiven as compiled by the Countryside Recreation Officer.

**Reception for Councillors:** The Mayor – Councillor Stevenson extended invitation for members to attend staff Christmas reception being held on Friday 21 December 2007 at 2.30 pm.

#### **FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

- RNID – Impact Report 2007 – How We’ve made a difference
- Registrar General Northern Ireland Annual Report
- Public Appointment Annual Report 2006/07 – Volume 1 & 2
- Policy Review Magazine – Public Good, Private Bad – The great debate
- Housing Executive – The Statutory Registration Scheme for Houses in Multiple Occupation in Northern Ireland – Amended September 2007
- Big Lottery Fund ‘Big Times’ Magazine, How your lottery money is transforming peoples lives
- Citizens Advice Bureau – Annual Report 2006/07 Working Together
- Sports Northern Ireland – Economic Importance of Sport in Northern Ireland

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

22 January 2008.

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

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