

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
18 DECEMBER 2012**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.20pm 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, Committee Clerk and Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** - None

**PRESENTATION FROM MR BARNY HEYWOOD, GROUP CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER TO PRESENT HIS ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chair welcomed Mr Heywood from Western Group Environmental Health Service to the meeting.

Mr Heywood presented his Annual Group Environmental Health Service report for the year 2011/12. He referred to the variety of subjects and issues that Environmental Health Officers were involved with and said these required officers to have a broad skill base to cover a wide spectrum of work. The following was highlighted by Mr Heywood:

- **The Launch of Food Hygiene Rating Scheme** – Mr Heywood explained that the 4 Councils had participated in this scheme which had been a great incentive for businesses to ensure food hygiene standards were kept at a high level.
- **Nightwear Safety Survey** – Mr Heywood enlightened members about the nightwear safety survey that was carried out in the past year, twelve samples were purchased on-line, nine of the samples produced a failed result, three of which was due to labelling issues and the remaining six failed to comply with the flammability requirements of the Nightwear (safety) Regulations 1985. All relevant Local Authorities have been contacted and the failures were investigated.
- **Part-worn Tyres** - Mr Heywood highlighted the safety concerns surrounding part-worn tyres and said as a priority work area the public needed to be educated on the dangers of using part-worn tyres.
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The Chair thanked Mr Heywood for attending the meeting. Mr Heywood left the meeting at 7.45pm

**MINUTES:** The minutes of meeting dated 20 November 2012 were approved on the proposal of Councillor A Brolly and B Chivers.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Page 3 – On Street Drinking Offences:** The Director of Environmental Services informed members that officers had approached the relevant Department regarding fixed penalty fines and that although draft legislation was in place, this had not been brought into force and this was unlikely to happen for the foreseeable future.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – DECEMBER 2012:*****Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued, cancelled rejected and withdrawn between 1 and 30 November 2012; consultations, building regulations, entertainment licences issued and applications for entertainment licence; bi-lingual street nameplates, property certificates issued, and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report.

**Application for the Grant of an Entertainment Licence - Joe's Bar, 92-94 Main Street & Ban Joe's Bar, 82-84 Main Street, Dungiven:** At the request of the PSNI, it was agreed that decision on these applications would be deferred until after the result of a court case being held in Limavady Magistrates Court on 7 January 2013.

**Lighting Columns at Blackburn Park:** It was agreed that the quotation submitted by P&L Electrics for the erection of 3 no lighting columns at Blackburn Park at fixed price of £2,800 would be accepted.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Environmental Health, Consumer Protection, Food Control, Health, Safety and Wellbeing, Licensing & Regulatory and Pollution Control.

**Bye-Law Prohibiting the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in a Designated Place:** Council agreed that details of the above matter be referred to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the person identified for contravention of the above bye-law.

**Article 14 – Bye-Law for the Control of the Business of Tattooing:** Council agreed that Neal Scott and Danielle McCutcheon be registered to carry on the business of tattooing.

**Closure of Roads for Special Events – The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (NI) 2010:** The Director of Environmental Services discussed the closure of roads procedure and provided background information on the new legislation. Council was asked to consider a number of issues around the local implementation of the legislation, including the application process and costs to be recovered from applicants. Further information will be brought to Council on these matters as it becomes available.

**Pollution Control – Litter Fixed Penalty Amount:** It was agreed that in line with other Fixed Penalty Notice amounts, such as those for dog and fly posting offences, that Council specifies the penalty for the offence of littering at £50.00 with no provision for payment of a lesser amount at a period specified by council.

The Environmental Health report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman Jack Rankin, seconded by Councillor Anne Brolly.

***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 on the proposal of Councillor T McCaul, seconded by Councillor A Brolly subject to the following:

**Bus Shelters – Harvest Meadows, Dunlade Road, Greysteel:** Council agreed on provision of a bus shelter for school children at the above location subject to all necessary statutory approvals.

**Marine Litter Strategy Consultation:** The Director of Environmental Services discussed the draft Marine Litter Strategy consultation with members and it was agreed to forward the proposed response to the Department of the Environment.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Social Investment Fund:** The Chief Executive informed members that the final date for completion of projects as part of the Social Investment Fund has now been extended to April 2016.

**Seasons Greeting:** The Chief Executive wished all members a happy and peaceful new year. The Mayor extended an invitation for members to attend the Mayors staff reception.

**NEXT MEETING** – 22 January 2013.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.25PM**

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