

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**19 JANUARY 2010**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.45 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**APOLOGIES:** None.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 15 December 2009 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

**MATTERS ARISING:** - None.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – JANUARY 2010:**

***Building Control Department:***

The Director Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued between 1 and 31 December 2009; Entertainment Licences Issued; Postal Addresses Issued; Property Certificates issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Butcher subject to the following:

**Renewal of Amusement Permit:** It was agreed that application for the renewal of an Amusement Permit for premises at ‘Roe Park’, 11c Main Street, Limavady would be approved.

**Standby Generator:** It was agreed that the tender submitted by Darson Services Ltd in the sum of £58,380 for supply of a portable standby generator to be used at Benone Tourist Complex, Roe Valley Leisure Centre, Dungiven Sports Pavillion and Council Offices would be approved.

**Consultation – Licensing (Northern) Order 1996:** The Director Environmental Services explained that the views of Council was sought on application for provisional grant of licence to sell intoxicating liquor by retail for consumption off premises at 2 Glenroe Park, Dungiven.

A number of objections were voiced to the selling of liquor in premises located beside 2 schools & a church and to the fact that there were adequate licensed premises in Dungiven already. After further discussion, it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Robinson that the Council would offer no comment.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Health & Safety, Licensing & Regulatory, Street Trading and Pollution Control. The recommendations were accepted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor McElhinney subject to the following:

**Smoking Order:** It was agreed that three cases identified during a test purchase exercise of illegal sale of cigarettes to a child under the age of 18 would be forwarded to Council's solicitor for offences contrary to Article 3(2) of the Health and Personal Social Services (NI) Order 1978.

**Consultation on Proposals for Changes to Dog Control Legislation:** Members overall agreed with the draft response suggested for changes to dog control legislation.

**Unlicensed Dog in Limavady:** The Director Environmental Services recommended that two cases of unlicensed dogs be referred to Council's solicitor with the view to legal proceedings being instigated against the owners. Agreed.

**Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in a Designated Place:** It was agreed that details of 4 incidents of on street drinking be referred to 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.

**Service of Abatement Notice for Barking Dogs Causing a Noise Nuisance:** The Director Environmental Services explained that following complaint of excessive noise from barking dogs at a property in Limavady, an Abatement Notice had been served on the owner of the 8 dogs requesting that steps be taken to reduce the noise to an acceptable level. It was noted that whilst the owner had taken steps to reduce the level of noise, the Abatement Notice had been contravened and the owner written to again.

***Technical Services Department:***

The Director Environmental Services presented the Technical Services Report and enlarged thereon. The items for information were noted and the report and recommendations were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Mullan subject to the following:

**Drumaduff Landfill Site – Restoration & Remediation:** Members were advised that the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) had recognised Council's repeated attempts to meet in order to discuss the Closure Plan for the former landfill site at Drumaduff. It was noted that the NIEA has yet to appoint a consultant to review the Closure Plan and the Department would be writing to

Councils in a similar position with the intention of meeting to discuss the way forward.

Councillor Mullan proposed, seconded by Councillor Chivers that a letter be sent to the Environment Minister Edwin Poots to state that the restoration of the landfill site needed to be expedited.

**Aghanloo Transfer Station – Lease Renewal:** Council approved the renewal of lease for 18 months up to July 2011 for the transfer station at Aghanloo at an annual rent of £27,200, with an option to extend by a further 18 months from 1 July 2011 at a rent to be agreed upon extension.

**Tender for WEEE & Battery Collection:** It was agreed to appoint ERP/GEODIS for the collection and processing of household WEEE material from designated collection facilities from the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2013, with the option for 6 months extensions up to 31 March 2015.

**Play Areas:** In response to a member, the Director Environmental Services agreed to check with Council's solicitor on progress to clarify land ownership for play area at Foreglen.

**Removal of Snow and Ice on Footpaths:** It was suggested that Technical Service Staff would be recognised for their efforts during the winter period.

Councillor Cubitt proposed that a reception be held for the staff to show appreciation for their help during the extreme weather the previous week. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Stevenson.

After considerable debate in which it was pointed out that appreciation could be shown in other ways than a formal reception. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 7 for and 6 abstentions.

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

- A letter was tabled from Derry City Council requesting that Council support request sent to Conor Murphy to review the winter gritting programme in city and rural hinterland. The letter also requested that an agreement between Roads Service and Council's be formalised for gritting of the footpaths during period of heavy snowfall. Noted.
- The Mayor Councillor Ó hOisín and Deputy Mayor Alderman Robinson agreed to open an appeal for Haiti, with collection boxes being located at the reception areas of Council offices and at the Leisure Centre.
- It was agreed that attendance by Alderman Rankin at the Northern Ireland Health & Safety committee would be an approved duty.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 16 February 2010.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 8.55 pm)**

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