

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
19 MARCH 2013**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.05 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle and J Rankin. Councillors, O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, C McLaughlin, D Nicholl, G Mullan (Chair), A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES: - Alderman G Robinson and .

MINUTES: The minutes of meeting dated 19 February 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – MARCH 2013:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued, cancelled and rejected between 1 and 28 February 2013, Entertainment Licence issued, Property Certificates issued; Annual Report on Petroleum Spirit Storage Installations and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was approved on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Alderman Coyle subject to the following:

Application for the Grant of an Entertainment Licence - Joe's Bar, 92-94 Main Street & Ban Joe's Bar, 82-84 Main Street, Dungiven: The Director of Environmental Services explained that a court hearing regarding liquor licence for Ban Joe's Bar had taken place on 1 March 2013 and that the outcome of this was that the applicant was given the opportunity of placing the business under new management or disposing of the premises and reporting back to the court again on 3 May 2013. It was agreed that consideration of application for grant of an Entertainment Licence for Ban Joe's Bar & Joe's Bar Main Street Dungiven would be deferred until after the court hearing.

Affordable Warmth Scheme: The Director of Environmental Services outlined that following a survey carried out by Councils Environmental Health Department as part of the pilot Affordable Warmth Scheme with DSD, technical surveys had been carried out by a Building Control Officer on 15 dwellings and a Schedule of Works had been completed identifying the extent of work to be undertaken. It was noted that contractors were currently carrying out the work.

The Director of Environmental Services indicated that a meeting was due to take place on 22 March 2013 with DSD and it was possible that Councils would be asked to take on further work of this nature in the future. It was agreed that members would be updated on the outcome of the meeting.

Building Control Fees for Top Up Insulation: It was agreed that Council would extend exemption from fees for top up loft insulation until 30 September 2013.

Village Change Roe Valley Leisure Centre – Lighting: Retrospective approval was agreed to accept the quotation submitted by Soltex Global in the sum of £5243.47 for lighting of the village change area at Roe Valley Leisure Centre.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Consumer Safety, Licensing & Regulatory and Pollution Control. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Robinson subject to the following:

Unlicensed Dog Offences (LR70-2013) and (LR102-2013): It was agreed that if a £50 fixed penalty notice was not paid by 22 March 2013 that the above cases would be referred to Councils solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being instigated against the owners for failure to licence the dogs.

On Street Drinking Incident: It was agreed that details on an incident of on street drinking would be referred to Councils solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the person identified for contravention of the bye-law prohibiting the consumption of intoxicating liquor in a designated place.

Incident of Flyposting (PC201-2012): The Department was commended on a case regarding flyposting in which the defendant was fined £400 plus £100 fees and £19 court costs. Several views were expressed to the amount of the fine and to littering in general.

Investigation into Flyposting Offences at Ballyquin Road: It was agreed that an incident of flyposting in Ballyquin Road would be referred to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being instigated against the owners of a nightclub.

Addendum: Mutual Aid Agreement Between Drainage Agencies and Local Government: Members were advised that work had been on-going through Local Government Emergency Management Group (LGEMG) on the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the drainage agencies and district councils in Northern Ireland to cover the provision of mutual aid in the storage and deployment of sandbags in times of flooding. LGEMG representatives had been in discussion with DRD Road Service, Rivers Agency and Northern Ireland Water and had developed a draft MOU and Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA) that the 3 agencies were prepared to agree to and which conforms to the principles established through earlier consultation with Councils. The MAA in this instance covers specific matter of sandbag storage and distribution in the event of an incident of flooding; that is where requested; councils would provide assistance in the form of operational staff, vehicles and

equipment where such resources were requested by any of the other agencies. Staff and other resources deployed would operate under the direction and supervision of the requesting agency.

The MOU and MAA were agreed in principle, subject to clarification on liability, that is insurance cover.

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 Brolly, seconded by Alderman Coyle subject to the following:

Environmental Youth Speak: Officers were commended on organising the Environmental Youth Speak Event.

Extension for Interim Residual Contract: It was agreed that the contract with North West Recycling Consortium be extended for a further 6 month from the date of expiry of the current contract. That is up to November 2013.

Maintenance of Pitches at Vale Centre: The Director of Environmental Services advised that a formal maintenance agreement was put in place in 2009 on maintenance of pitches at the Vale Centre. He said that the Vale Centre had now written to advise that they intended to install a 3G pitch and queried if Council would still be in a position to maintain the new pitch. It was suggested that the pitch be maintained from the additional income that the 3G pitch would generate. It was agreed that decision on maintenance of the 3G pitch would be deferred until additional information was available on projected costs.

Tenders/Quotations – Dungiven Dereliction Project: Council retrospectively approved acceptance of the quotation submitted by S Canning in the sum of £12,450 for the power washing and painting of the frontage of a number of buildings in Main Street, Dungiven, together with fencing of a number of vacant sites on Main Street.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

St Patrick's Day Celebrations in Westport: It was agreed that a letter would be forwarded to the Chair of Ardnariff Flute Band to congratulate them on their recent St Patrick's Day trip to Westport. It was stressed that the band had been well received by the people of Westport and were excellent ambassadors of the Borough.

Café Piazza: It was agreed that permission would be given for the owners of Café Piazza to erect a sign 4 x 2 feet at ground level height near the front of Drumceatt Square at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre.

NEXT MEETING – 23 April 2013.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.15 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting