

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
19 NOVEMBER 2013**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive, Director of Environmental Services and Committee Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor S McGlinchey

**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 Western Group Environmental Health Service report for the year 2012/13. He stated the partnership arrangements between HSENI and Local Government health and safety enforcement staff had been instrumental in driving the partnership forward. Mr Heywood thanked Alderman Rankin and Councillor Mullan for giving up their time during the reporting year to serve on the Group Committee to provide policy approval and direction for the group. The following areas were highlighted by Mr Heywood:

- **NI E.Coli Strategy** – Mr Heywood drew attention to the growing concerns regarding the incidence of E.coli 0157 infection. He stated butchers across Northern Ireland had availed of seminars where the new Food Standards Agency (FSA) guidance was explained and the new Butchers' Safe Food Handling resource pack introduced.
- **Horsemeat Incident** – Mr Heywood informed members that an increase in traceability in the food distribution chain required a joined-up approach to ensure that each step of the food production process was transparent and regulated and improved communication was needed to prevent further incidents occurring.
- **Farm Safety** – Mr Heywood advised members HSENI launched a specific farm safety initiative following the unprecedented and tragic loss of lives on Northern Ireland's farms in recent years. The initiative proved to be very useful with inspections to raise awareness of key safety issues on farms focussing on Slurry, Animals, Falls and Equipment (SAFE).

- **Welfare of Animals Act** – Mr Heywood informed members additional staff were being introduced to provide capacity to deal with the level of complaints regarding the welfare of animals.
- **Carbon Monoxide Monitors** – Mr Heywood articulated concerns that were raised in 2011/12 when a Limavady based business imported a large quantity of non-compliant Carbon Monoxide alarms. He stated follow-up action was currently being undertaken in partnership with the relevant Home Authority or Primary Authority, with action including Product Recall / Rapex alerts.
- **Part-worn Tyres** - Mr Heywood highlighted the safety concerns surrounding part-worn tyres stating it was not a well-controlled industry.

The Chair thanked Mr Heywood for attending the meeting.

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 15 October 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor T McCaul, seconded by Councillor J McCorkell.

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Page 2 – Oil Brokerage Schemes to Combat Fuel Poverty:** The Director of Environmental Services informed members the launch of the Oil Brokerage Scheme would take place on 27 November 2013 in The Braid, Ballymena and the Mayor had been invited to attend.

#### **DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – NOVEMBER 2013:**

##### ***Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued and rejected between 1 October and 31 October 2013. The items for information were noted and the report was approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor G Mullan subject to the following:

**The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995 – Street Naming and Property Numbering Policy:** The Director of Environmental Services informed members an application had been received from Lynwood Eco Homes for the naming of a development at Bovally, Limavady and stated the first choice was Brighter Gardens and second choice Drummond View. Members agreed on Brighter Gardens as the chosen name for the development.

##### ***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Health, Safety & Wellbeing, Licensing & Regulatory, Street Trading, Western Group and Work Activity. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor B Douglas subject to the following:

**Unlicensed Dog - LR522/523-2013:** It was agreed if the two fixed penalties were not paid by 21 November 2013 the case would be referred to Council's

solicitor with the view to legal proceedings being instigated against the owner of the dog.

***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:

Alderman G Robinson joined the meeting at 8.55pm.

**Consultations on the introduction of Restrictions on the landfilling of Food Waste and on the Waste Prevention Programmes:** It was agreed the responses as outlined and detailed in the report be returned to the Department of the Environment.

**Foreglen Play Area:** *Councillor T McCaul declared an interest.* Following discussion members agreed that officers, elected members and officials from Foreglen GAC meet to discuss the list of demands received from the club to try and reach agreement to enable the provision of the play park. It was agreed from the list of demands that there was no appetite from Council to tarmac or provide lighting on the access road to the GAC. A member expressed his concern that Councillor McCaul continued to speak on the matter after declaring an interest.

**Ballykelly Play Area:** It was agreed subject to clarification of ownership of the footpath that 8 no lighting columns be installed on the pathway between the play area at Kings Lane and Kings Lane/Drummond Park houses at a cost of £4,580 +VAT.

**1No New Heavy Duty Woodchipper:** Retrospective approval was given for the purchase of 1No Heavy Duty Woodchipper.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** - None

**NEXT MEETING** – 17 December 2013.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 10.00PM**

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