

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

19 DECEMBER 2006

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Stevenson.

CHAIR OF MEETING:

In the absence of Councillor Stevenson, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Douglas, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that Alderman Rankin would chair the meeting.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 21 November 2006 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

MATTERS ARISING:

None

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS –
DECEMBER 2006:**

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged and issued, Entertainment Licences issued under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions (NI) Order 1985, renewal of amusement permits under the Betting Gaming Lotteries & Amusements (NI) Order 1985 and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report was approved on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following:

Proposals for the Transfer of Petroleum Licensing Functions from District Councils to HSENI: The Director of Environmental Services explained that the Chief Environmental Health Officers Group (CEHOG) for Northern Ireland had prepared a draft response to the consultation document which set out the Government's proposal that HSENI should become the sole petroleum licensing authority for Northern Ireland and that they enforce the provisions of the Health & Safety at Work (NI) Order 1978 at petrol filling stations and retail fuel storage depots, a role currently discharged by each of the 26 District Councils.

The Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of the salient points within the draft response and it was noted that CEHOG were opposed to both proposals and that they had raised concerns regarding the process used to bring forward the proposals.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Robinson that the draft response would be forwarded to the Department.

Street Naming & Property Numbering Policy: Under Councils Street Naming & Property Numbering Policy the following was agreed:

- that the development on lands approximately 90 SE 283 Drumsum Road be named 'Drumsum Court';
- that the development at Gortnaghy Road/Beech Road, Gortnaghey be named 'Benbradagh Rise' and
- that the development adjacent to Tracey's Way, Chapel Road, Dungiven be named 'Abbeyfields'.

Heat Generation, Pressurisation and Pumping Plant & Equipment: IN COMMITTEE – Following the request by C & N Heating Ltd to terminate its contract with council, the Director of Environmental Services sought direction from members in relation to legal advice received regarding additional cost for re-tendering the maintenance contract for heat generation, pressurisation and pumping plant & equipment - **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

It was agreed that the Director of Environmental Services should investigate if C & N Heating Ltd were still operational and raise the issue of claim for compensation at the next Environmental Services meeting. Council also agreed to accept the re-tendered quotation of £6,079 submitted from Central Group Services for the maintenance contract.

Foyle Ferry Terminal Survey: The Director of Environmental Services informed members that a hydrographical survey of the waters around the ferry route had been carried out and this revealed a build up of sand on Magilligan slipway, which would be removed once consent had been agreed with Environment & Heritage Service. The quotation submitted by Construction Services to provide a dive inspection and survey report of the ferry ramp structure and surrounding waters was agreed. Councillor Ó hOisín requested a copy of the hydrographical survey. Agreed.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report and enlarged thereon. The report and recommendations within were

adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

The Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations (NI) 2006: The Director of Environmental Services explained that regulations which came into force on 1 December 2006 required premises which store and sell Hazard Type 4 Pyrotechnic Articles (HT4PA) and Hazard type 4 (HT4) power device cartridges to register with the Northern Ireland Office (NIO). It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Robinson that Council enter into a Service Level Agreement with NIO with respect to the application of the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations (NI) 2006.

Home Safety Update: The Director of Environmental Services outlined that the Home Safety Officer (HSO) had been working with Derry City Council, Westcare and other organisations in order to promote home safety issues and be instrumental in the reduction of home accidents. Members noted that the focus had been put on the 'YES' projects and 'BEE SAFE' events which targeted younger members of society on good home safety practices and that the current focus was on safety with Christmas lights and the prevention of fires in the home.

The Director of Environmental Services explained that the Home Safety Project initiated in 2003 had been initially funded through an allocation of money from the office of the First and Deputy First Minister and over the last year had been sustained by an allocation of funds from each of the five Councils within the Western Environmental Health Group and slippage money from a variety of funding sources. He said two HSO's from the Western Group (Limavady and Derry City) remained in post and the only guarantee of income in 2007/08 was an agreement from WHSSB to provide £5,000 per Council towards the project subject to match funding from each Council. He added that following discussions within the Project Steering Group and in light of inability to sustain all five HSO posts, it was proposed to share officers across a number of Council.

It was agreed that the HSO based in Limavady would be deployed for two days per week with Strabane District Council and two in Limavady and that further funding towards the post would continue to be sought.

Smoking (NI) Order 2006: The Director of Environmental Services outlined that in order to ensure the public and business owners were fully aware of the requirements of the Smoke-free (General Provisions) Regulations (NI) 2007 and the Smoke-free (Exemptions, Vehicles, Penalties and Discounted Amounts) Regulations (NI) 2007 in preparing for its implementation, the DHSSPS had made funding available to employ ten Smoke-free Environment Officers, one Marketing Officer and a Smoke-free Environment Project Manager for the province. He said that Ms Helen Dowds had commenced work in Limavady, Coleraine, Ballymoney and Moyle as a Smoke-free Environment Officer on 1 December 2006 and that she would advise and organise information events to ensure everyone was aware of their responsibilities.

In the discussion that followed, several members raised concern as to the value of the service given and the amount of publicity already taking place in the lead up to introducing the legislation, whilst others were of the view that if the officer highlighted statistics on lung cancer, heart disease, asthma or stroke and deterred smoking, the service would be worthwhile. Noted.

Dogs (NI) Order 1983) `Article 29 (1) (A) Attack on Livestock: Members noted that on 2 October 2006 a dog had attacked a number of ducks kept at Roe Valley Country Park by the Environment & Heritage Service and that one duck had been killed and three others required veterinary treatment.

It was agreed that although the incident may have been isolated, that the matter be referred to Council's solicitor with the view to legal proceedings being instigated against the keeper of the dog.

Technical Services Department:

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

Contracts – Fridge-Freezer Recycling: It was agreed that the tender submitted from Tech-Rec (NI) for the recycling of fridges and freezers at a cost of £6.65 per domestic appliance be accepted.

Green Dragon Environmental Management System: The Director of Environmental Services outlined that following assessment by the ARENA Network NI, Radisson SAS Roe Valley Resort would be used as a business model for the Green Dragon Environmental Management system due to improvement in its overall environmental performance on waste & recycling, energy efficiency and water usage. Welcomed.

Roemill Play Area: Members voiced disappointment that Roemill play area had become the target for vandalism on 29 November 2006 where over £600 of damage had been caused when a fire had been started deliberately below a timber based apparatus. Alderman Mullan suggested that Council review the nature and content of equipment it provided and Councillor Douglas said vandalism was down to the mentality of people on the ground.

Queries outside the Reports:

Foreglen Play Area: The Director of Environmental Services explained to Councillor Donaghey that the initial application for the playarea at Foreglen had not been withdrawn from Planning Service and that this could be revived with a few amendments. He said Council needed a clear line from the local Gaelic Club regarding agreed entrance.

Councillor Cubitt indicated that Ballykelly lost out from lack of playarea and suggested that the MOD base might be a suitable location for such a development. Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: - None

NEXT MEETING: - 16 January 2007.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.15 pm)**

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting