

LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
20 JANUARY 2009

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: - Alderman Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director of Environmental Services, Building Control Manager, Waste Services Manager, Operations Manager and the Chief Executive.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 16 December 2008 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – JANUARY 2009:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued in December 2008; Entertainment Licence issued; grant of Amusement Permit and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Butcher subject to the following:

Licensed Premises – 40 Main Street Dungiven: It was agreed that officers would inspect premises at 40 Main Street Dungiven to ascertain if work had been completed to comply with Building Regulations and Entertainment Licence criteria. It was stressed that if the premises did not comply with the regulations, that legal action would be taken for breach of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985 – Licensing of Places of Entertainment.

Council Chamber Chairs: The Director Environmental Services reported that the cost to replace the 24 chairs in the chamber was £5,688. It was agreed that due to the current economic downturn, that the chairs in the chamber would not be replaced at this time.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information in relation to Licensing & Regulatory issues, Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 and Pollution Control. The report and recommendations within were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin subject to the following:

Creating a Relationship between Northern Ireland Councils and the Local Better Regulations Office in GB: Council agreed to the adoption of the draft Memorandum of Understanding/Statement of Intent as a policy document that would establish the relationship between Councils in Northern Ireland and Local Better Regulation Office in GB on environmental health matters not otherwise covered by the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act of 2008.

Technical Services Department:

The Director of 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 Coyle subject to the following:

Fly Tipping: Members were advised that officers had been investigating cost of installing CCTV cameras at specific Council owned or operated sites where fly tipping was an ongoing problem. Following demonstration of equipment, it was recommended that the quote submitted by VIS Securities in the sum of £3,624.00+VAT for supply of portable equipment that could be discreetly installed at various locations would be approved. Agreed.

Tenders: It was agreed that the following tenders would be accepted.

- Glenbank Nurseries in the sum of £3,425.00+VAT per year for a 2 year period for supply of planters/hanging baskets.
- Hanna's Nursery in the sum of £10,499.00+VAT per year for a 2 year period for supply of bedding plants.
- Stephen Evans in the total sum of £61,230+VAT for cutting of grass for a two year period.

Queries outside the Reports:

- Members were advised that an Audit of land which Council owned and maintained had been completed. Also advised that Council were reimbursed for cutting grass on land owned Roads Service or the Housing Executive.
- Officers were thanked for repairing and adjusting gates at the Community Hall in Ballykelly.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- ◆ A member queried who was responsible for contacting Councillors when a state of emergency was called as during a recent bomb alert he had been informed of this by member of the press. He was advised that Councils' Emergency Plan had been forwarded to emergency services.

- ◆ Members were reminded that a special meeting would be held on 27 January 2009 to discuss the WHSCT Spending Review.
- ◆ It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that expressions of interest would be forwarded from Limvady to take part in pilot of 5 Council areas in the west for partnership working in Community Planning along with Western Investing for Health.
- ◆ A member indicated that there was a need for an air ambulance in the province and that an event would be hosted to raise funds for this worthy cause.
- ◆ It was agreed that officers would investigate provision of pathway at Drumsurn Community Hall.
- ◆ It was agreed that a letter of congratulations would be forwarded to President Barrack Obama on being elected the 44th president of the United States of America.

NEXT MEETING – 17 February 2009.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.40 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting