

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

20 FEBRUARY 2007

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

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and Director of Environmental Services.

APOLOGIES:

Alderman G Robinson and Councillor A Robinson.

PRESENTATION BY FRIENDS OF THE EARTH:

The chair welcomed Ms Lisa Fegan, Friends of the Earth to the meeting.

Ms Fegan outlined that Northern Ireland had the least protected environment due to illegal landfill sites, sewage, industrial and air pollution. She said presiding over this was an ineffective and complacent environmental watchdog – EHS, resulting in Friends of the Earth turning to the European Commission to make sure Northern Ireland's environment was properly protected.

Ms Fegan advised that Friends of the Earth, together with other environmental groups were campaigning for a review of environmental protection and by Spring 2007 it was likely that an Independent Environmental Protection Agency would be recommended.

In the discussion that followed, Ms Fegan answered a number of queries relating to environmental protection by farmers; prosecutions and crown immunity; built heritage in Limavady; alternative sources of energy and the need for wind-farms.

The chair thanked Ms Fegan for the informative presentation.

It was agreed that all future requests for presentations would be brought before Council for approval.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 16 January 2007 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

MATTERS ARISING:

The Director of Environmental Services updated members regarding the following issues:

- provision of play park at Foreglen
- progress on vesting of land at Drumaduff. It was agreed that the Director of Environmental Services would continue to negotiate with EHS regarding Drumaduff and if no progress was made after 3 months, a deputation from Council would approach the relevant minister.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – FEBRUARY 2007:***Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged & issued, Entertainment Licences issued & transferred, Occasional Licence issued, application for Grant of Petroleum Spirit Storage Licence and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report was approved on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin subject to the following:

Dangerous Structure – Property at Killylane Road: It was noted that following a complaint about corrugated tin sheeting blowing across Killylane Road, Greysteel and the owner of the property not clearly evident, a decision had been taken to engage Council employees to visit the site and prevent further material causing a danger to members of the public. It was also noted that this matter incurred expenses of £165.00 which was being claimed from the solicitors overseeing the estate.

Camera System: Council approved the quote submitted from B&E Security Systems in the sum of £3,316 to upgrade the security camera system at Foyle ferry terminal and the security camera system at Council depot.

Heat Generation, Pressurisation & Pumping Plant & Equipment C & N Plumbing & Heating Ltd: IN COMMITTEE: It was agreed that Council would follow advice given by its solicitor regarding termination of contract by C & N Plumbing & Heating Ltd through the Small Claims Court but in the first instance the defaulting company would be written to for compensation. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

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 McElhinney subject to the following:

Draft Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) (Northern Ireland)

Order 2007: The Director of Environmental Services explained that Council was in receipt of consultation from DSD on the above draft order and that this would update and amend the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 as follows:

- extend additional permitted hours for licensed premises (also extending the hours for occasional licences and extension licences) and remove the requirement for the provision of refreshment or entertainment;
- enable the courts to make orders for exceptional permitted hours;
- allow children's certificates to be operational up to 10 pm in certain circumstances;
- enable courts or police to order the closure of licensed premises when there is disorder;
- provide for the courts to attribute penalty points on conviction of offences and for the penalty points to be endorsed on the licence and taken into account.

Members noted that the Order amends the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996 to:

- enable the courts to make orders for additional permitted hours and exceptional permitted hours;
- make similar provision to the licensing amendments in relation to children's certificates and closure of club premises;
- amend the existing provision on penalty points and
- amend the existing provision on club accounts.

A number of members voiced their opposition to the legislation. It was agreed that members' comments would be included in response to be submitted by 28 February 2007.

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 Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin subject to the following:

Waste Related Services Consultancy Framework – Tender Report: IN COMMITTEE: The Director of Environmental Services outlined details of tendering process, evaluation and recommendation of joint report by the North West Region Waste Management Group (NWRWMG) and Southern Waste Management Partnership (SWaMP) on appointment of framework of four consultancy companies from where Councils or the groups within the regions could seek professional services necessary to support the development and implementation of Council's Waste Management Plan. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

Regional Landfill Site Selection: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Council Carten that the North West Region Waste Management Group appoint B Mullan & Sons to develop a long term residual landfill facility at Cam Road to serve the needs of the Councils of the North West Region Waste Management Group. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

North West Region Waste Management Plan: In accordance with Article 23 of the Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997, it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Council Donaghy that Council adopt the draft Waste Management Plan as modified and enhanced by the revisions agreed by the Department of Environment on 15th December 2006.

Tender for Loop System at Council Office, Roe Valley Leisure Centre and Benone Tourist Complex: It was agreed that the tender submitted by P & L Electrics in the sum of £5,350 for the above loop system be accepted.

Tactile Signage: It was agreed that the tender submitted by LJM in the sum of £2,600 for tactile signage to comply with DDA requirements be accepted.

Lifts – Council Offices and Roe Valley Leisure Centre: Council approved the quotation submitted by Otis Lifts for the maintenance of lifts at a cost of £6,826 for Roe Valley Leisure Centre and £5,787 for Council Offices.

Swing Free (Magnetic Hold Open) Doors: Approval was agreed to accept quotation submitted by BPS (Building Protection Systems) for the maintenance of the fire alarm system at a cost of £4,381.34 for Roe Valley Leisure Centre and £13,323.75 for Council Offices subject to satisfactory response from Cogan & Shackleton who had been requested to advise on price competitiveness and approval by Building Control.

Push Pad Doors – Council Offices: Council approved the quote of £5,940 submitted by J & G Hamilton for the supply and fit of four push pad door opening systems as recommended in the DDA audit for the council offices.

Community Glass Recycling: Members welcomed that the Community Glass Recycling Initiative had been officially launched in Drumsurn but concern was raised at location of recycling bins and potential for vandalism in Burnfoot and other areas. Noted.

Bus Shelters – Riverview Ballykelly: Following a survey on bus usage, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that Council would provide a bus shelter at Clooney Road, Ballykelly opposite Riverview.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Presentation by Roe Valley Rural Development: It was agreed that Raymond Wright and Toni Forrest, Roe Valley Rural Development would present to Council at the 13 March 2007 Development Services meeting.

Request for Council Support: Following a request by Florence Sloan, it was agreed that a letter of support and objection to the closure of cancer care facilities at Altnagelvin Hospital would be forwarded to the relevant department.

Condolences: It was agreed that a letter of condolence would be forwarded to Linda McKee, DPP Manager on the death of her mother.

NEXT MEETING: - 20 March 2007.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.10 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting