

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

20 APRIL 2010

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

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle (chair), G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, M Donaghy, G Mullan and A Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors B Douglas, C Ó hOisín, J F McElhinney, L Cubitt and E Stevenson.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 16 March 2010 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – APRIL 2010:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued between 1 and 31 March 2010; Entertainment Licences Issued; Property Certificates Issued and Facilities Management & Energy Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following:

Approved Places for Civil Marriages/Partnerships: It was agreed that the renewal application from Radisson Roe Park Hotel as a venue for Civil Marriages/Civil Partnerships would be approved.

Dungiven Sports Pavilion: It was agreed that the tender submitted by Pollock Lifts in the sum of £12,235.00 for supply, install and commission of platform lift in Dungiven Sports Pavilion would be accepted.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Health & Safety, Licensing & Regulatory, Street Trading, Pollution Control and Consultations with Council. The

recommendations were accepted on the proposal of Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor Chivers subject to the following:

Draft Clean Neighbourhoods and Environmental Bill: The Director Environmental Services reported that Council was in receipt of consultation on draft Clean Neighbourhoods and Environmental Bill (Northern Ireland) which sets out proposals to enhance Council powers to deal with a range of 'low level' environmental crimes. He said that issues covered included

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| - littering | - fly-posting and graffiti |
| - dog control | - noise |
| - statutory nuisance | - fixed penalty notices |
| - gating orders | - nuisance parking |
| - abandoned vehicles | - abandoned shopping trolleys |
| - fines for offences relating to pollution. | |

The suggested response to the consultation document was endorsed by Council for submission to the Department by 23 April 2010. It was also agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mullan that the response should highlight that if Council were given additional responsibilities, the Department of the Environment needed to make funds available to Council for enforcement.

Draft Regeneration and Housing Bill: The Director Environmental Services outlined that the draft Regeneration and Housing Bill put forward proposals for the transfer to local Councils of a number of regeneration and housing functions under the Review of Public Administration. He said that of particular interest to Environmental Health were proposals to transfer functions from the Housing Executive which included houses in multiple occupation, housing unfitness and local energy conservation.

The Chief Executive advised that a response to the regeneration part of the bill was being finalised and would be included in the response circulated to members for submission to the Department by 26 April 2010. Agreed.

Reference was made to the number of buildings in Dungiven, which were either boarded up, derelict or in general need of repair. It was suggested that the Chief Executive investigate what could be done to regenerate the town. It was also suggested that something needed to be done about the overall appearance of the buildings, given that a new library was about to be opened, for example painting or putting up hoardings.

Technical Services Department:

The Director 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 Mullan, seconded by Councillor Donaghy subject to the following:

- It was agreed that negotiations would continue with the landowners of area of land considered as a possible location for a play area in Foreglen until the result of a survey with residents had been completed.

Comments outside the Reports:

- A member requested that Refuse Collectors ensure that the bins were put back from where they were lifted.
- It was suggested that additional staff should be sent to Benone beach when good weather was predicted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Members were advised that Consarc would present their quarterly update on Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre at the May 2010 Environmental Services meeting. Members would be given a tour of the building at 6 pm before the meeting.
- A member requested that a dog foul bin be erected at Josephine Avenue.
- The Chief Executive confirmed that he was aware of complaint about sheep wandering from Council owned land to graze on land belonging to Limavady Cricket and Rugby Club.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 18 May 2010.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.10 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting