

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

20 MAY 2014

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.15 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES: - Councillor McGlinchey

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 15 April 2014 were approved on the proposal of Councillor McCaul, seconded by Alderman Coyle.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – MAY 2014:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged and issued between 1 – 30 April 2014. The items for information were noted and the report was approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Alderman J Rankin subject to the following:

Application for Grant of Entertainment Licence: It was agreed that the application for grant of an entertainment licence for St Mathews GAC would be approved subject to there being no adverse comments following public advertisements and consultation with the PSNI & NIFRS.

Application for Renewal of Entertainment Licence: The Director of Environmental Services informed members that Council was awaiting a response to the consultation with the PSNI and NIFRS on application for renewal of an Entertainment Licence for Colley's Bar. It was noted that a recommendation would be brought back to Council upon receipt of same.

Notice of Application for an Occasional Licence: Council had no objection to the application by the licence holder of Owens Bar for an occasional licence to sell liquor at outside events in the hear gardens between 7 pm – 1.30 am on 24/25 May 2014 and between 7 pm – 1.30 am on 27/28 June 2014.

Council also had no objection to the application for occasional licence by licence holder of Murphy's Bar to sell liquor at Smiths Barn, Killunaght Road Dungiven between hours of 7 pm – 1 am on 7/8 June 2014.

Addendum to Building Control Report:

Notice of Application for Transfer of a Licence: Council had no objection to the application for transfer of a liquor licence from Padhraic Murphy to Shelly Carton for the Sportsman's Inn, Feeny.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Safety, Health, Safety & Well Being, Licensing & Regulatory, Pollution Control and Welfare of Animals Act (NI) 2011 and Work Activity. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman J Rankin, seconded by Alderman M Coyle subject to the following:

Public Analyst Appointment: The Director of Environmental Services reported that Minton, Treharne & Davies Ltd had been awarded the contract to provide Public Analyst Services for the 26 Councils. It was agreed that the four named persons within the report employed by Minton, Treherne & Davies would be appointed as Public Analysts to the Council under Article 27 (1) of the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991.

Unlicensed Dogs: The following was agreed with regard to cases of unlicensed dogs:

- It was agreed that case number LR 138-2014 would be referred to Council solicitor with a view to instigating legal proceedings for the offence of keeping an unlicensed dog and for non-payment of a fixed penalty fine.
- In respect of case number LR 153-2014, it was agreed that if the fixed penalty was not paid and the dog licensed by the agreed extended deadline, the matter would be referred to Council solicitor with a view to instigate legal proceedings against the owner of the dog.
- It was agreed that case number LR 71-2014 would be referred to Council solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the owner for the offence of keeping an unlicensed dog and non-payment of fixed penalty fine.

Air Quality – Dungiven: The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that he had written to OFMDFM and other relevant Executive Departments to highlight ongoing breaches of Air Quality standards in Dungiven. He said that it had been pointed out that Air Quality related to the Department of Regional Development (DRD) and that Minister Kennedy from DRD had written to confirm that a decision on the way forward was expected by mid 2014. He also confirmed that there was no provision in the current NI budget for construction of the scheme and that the by-pass would be dependent on funding being made available through future budget settlements.

It was highlighted that the Ministers' response was disappointing given the health issues arising from poor air quality. It was also highlighted that elected members had tried to persuade the Minister to decouple the by-pass from the A6 dualling scheme.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the DRD Minister – Danny Kennedy to request a meeting with a deputation from Council with regard to the future of Dungiven by-pass.

The following quotations in relation to Air Quality Monitoring in Dungiven were approved:

- Quotation submitted by Ricardo AEA in the sum of £900 for QA/QC (Quality Assurance/Quality Control).
- The quotation submitted by Geoff Broughton in the sum of £989 for Data Management.
- The quotation submitted by Supporting U in the sum of £2186.08 for Equipment Support.

The Director of Environmental Services agreed to collate total costs to date for air quality monitoring in Dungiven.

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 was approved on the proposal of Councillor E Stevenson, seconded by Alderman J Rankin subject to the following:

North West Region Waste Management Group: The Director of Environmental Services circulated minutes of the North West Region Waste Management Joint Committee held 19 March 2014. He advised that most of the business of the meeting was held **IN COMMITTEE** and that the contents of the minutes should remain confidential. Agreed.

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman J Rankin, seconded by Alderman J Rankin that items 1.2 and 1.3 within the Technical Services Report would be held **IN COMMITTEE**.

The Director of Environmental Services reported on the outcome of a legal case between Regen Waste Limited and Limavady Borough Council in which it had been agreed that the settlement would remain confidential. He also gave an update on claim for payment of fees to a Land Agent with regard to Drumaduff Landfill Site. Agreed that members would be kept updated on outcome of this case.

OUT OF COMMITTEE on the proposal of Councillor G Mullan, seconded by Alderman J Rankin

Spring Clean Campaign 2014: It was suggested that Council investigate additional ways to advertising the Spring Clean Campaign. Noted.

Food Waste Collection Service: It was suggested that there was a need to advertise and promote to the public that additional caddy liners for the food waste collection service could be purchased from Council.

Allotments – Oughtymoyle: The tender submitted by Hawthorn Heights Limited in the sum of £39,090.00 for site works at Oughtymoyle Allotments, Bellarena was approved.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Petition – Footpath at the Largy: A member highlighted that a petition would be handed to Roads Service during their spring consultation with Council with regard to the need for a footpath at the Largy. Noted.

AGM: The Chief Executive reminded members that the AGM would be held on Monday 2 June 2014.

Outgoing Chair: The outgoing Chair of the Environmental Services Committee Councillor B Chivers thanked Officers of Council for servicing the Environmental Services meeting. She also wished those members standing at the local election on 22 May 2014 the very best of luck.

NEXT MEETING – 24 June 2014.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.25 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting