

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
20 AUGUST 2013**

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

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle, G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors, A Brolly, O Beattie, B Chivers (chair), B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, C McLaughlin, G Mullan, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Environmental Services and Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Councillor D Nicholl

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 25 June 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor S McGlinchey, seconded by Councillor T McCaul.

MATTERS ARISING:

Windyhill Road – The Chief Executive told members the procedure for change of road name was being investigated and they would be informed of any progress.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – AUGUST 2013:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued, rejected and withdrawn between 1 June and 31 July 2013; Entertainment Licence's issued; Property Certificates issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Brolly subject to the following:

Application for Renewal of Bookmaker's Licence: Council had no objection to the application for the renewal of bookmaker's licence for Kathleen Margarette Higgins, 3 Old Coleraine Road, Portstewart and James Desmond Higgins, 3 Old Coleraine Road, Portstewart.

Application for Renewal of Bookmaker's Office Licence: Council had no objection to the renewal of the following applications from:

- James Desmond Higgins, premises at 20 Linenhall Street, Limavady
- James Desmond Higgins, premises at 3, 5 and 7 Catherine Street, Limavady
- James Joseph Rainey, premises at 92 Main Street, Dungiven
- Central Bookmakers Ltd, premises at 77 Main Street, Ballykelly

Waiving of Building Control Fees for Roof Space Insulation: Council agreed the re-introduction of the £60 building control fee for roof space insulation work and that the aforementioned would take effect from 1st October 2013. Members

expressed their concerns and it was agreed that a letter be written to the relevant Department to request the £60 fee be included in the grant schemes.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Environmental Health; Food Control; Health Safety & Wellbeing; Licensing & Regulatory and Work Activity. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Councillor McCaul, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

Regulation on Hygiene of Foodstuffs (EC) 852/2004: The Director of Environmental Services informed members that officers had been working with a Food Business Operator (FBO) at a takeaway premises in Limavady providing verbal and written advice and guidance to assist the FBO in complying with the Food Hygiene Regulations (NI) 2006, but despite these efforts offences continued to occur. Members agreed to refer the case to the Council's solicitor with a view to instigating legal proceedings against the Food Business Operator.

Stray Dog Offence [LR359-2013]: Members were advised at the June Environmental Services Committee meeting of a Fixed Penalty Notice and Control Condition in respect of a stray dog offence. As of 19 July the fixed penalty remains unpaid. Members agreed the case be referred to Council's solicitor with the view to legal proceedings being instigated against the owner for the stray dog offence under Article 22(1) of the above Order.

Stray Dog Offence [LR310-2013]: Council were informed of an incident that took place on 20 May 2013 regarding a stray dog. The owner was contacted and advised that this was the third complaint regarding the dog straying therefore a warning letter, £50 fixed penalty and Control Condition were issued. The Fixed Penalty was unpaid at 18 June 2013. Council agreed that the case be referred to Council's solicitor with the view to legal proceedings being instigated for the straying offence under Article 22(1) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983.

Drinking Incident Roemill Road: Council received information from the PSNI regarding an incident in the Roemill Road area on 16 June 2013 when a male person was observed drinking alcohol. The person was interviewed by Police and details passed to Council. Members agreed to refer the above matter to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the person identified for contravention of the bye-law prohibiting the consumption of intoxicating liquor in a designated place.

Technical Services Report:

The Director of 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 Stevenson, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin subject to the following:

Maintenance of Pitches at Vale Centre, Greysteel: It was agreed that representatives from the Vale Centre would attend Council in September to give details of their plans for a 3G pitch and exact nature and scale of the maintenance works required from Council.

Pumping Station – Retrospective approval was given for the quotation from J F Andrews Engineering in the sum of £29,796 to carry out the installation of a pumping Station in the Roemill Road sports pitches, Limavady.

Wheeled Bin Containers – The purchase of wheeled bin containers from SSI Schaefer in the sum of £18,765.00 + VAT was approved by Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Limavady Streets – Technical Services were commended for the cleanliness of the streets, members asked for details on the process for fixed penalties regarding littering. The Director of Environmental Services informed members that fixed penalty fines are issued where there is sufficient evidence to prove an offence.

Glack Play Park - Councillor O Beattie updated members that the Glack Play Park is now completed and children love it. Glack Community Association are now looking at extending the park further and would like to thank Technical Services for their help and advice throughout the on-going process.

Leisure Centre Facilities – Mayor, Councillor G Mullan asked Council the procedure and possibility of letting Hugh McLaughlin, Marathon Man use the Roe Valley Leisure Centre free of charge to train for his next venture. The Chief Executive told members he would investigate the criteria needed to gain free access to leisure facilities and would update members at the Development meeting on 10 September 2013.

Laura Maxwell – Cycling champion – It was agreed Council would acknowledge and congratulate Laura Maxwell on her recent achievements.

NEXT MEETING – 17 September 2013.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.20PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting