

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

20 OCTOBER 2009

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.05 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Director of Environmental Services.

APOLOGIES:

Alderman Robinson and Councillor Donaghy.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 15 September 2009 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Carten.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – OCTOBER 2009:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued between 1 and 30 September 2009; Entertainment Licences Issued; Street Naming and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin subject to the following:

Street Naming: Plantation Road, Limavady: Members were informed that there was some confusion arising out of the use of the street name Plantation Road as the residents of Plantation Road, Ballykelly were receiving mail addressed to Plantation Road, Limavady. To resolve this issue and to avoid further confusion, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Stevenson that the road name Plantation Road, Limavady be amended to Plantation Drive, Limavady.

Control of Legionella: The policy on control of legionella was approved on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Carten.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Control, Health and Safety, Licensing & Regulatory, Pollution Control and Public Health. The recommendations were accepted on the proposal of Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

Service of Hygiene Improvement Notices: The Director Environmental Services explained that since January 2009 officers from the Department had spent a substantial amount of time trying to work with the owner of a food business to improve the hygiene conditions of the premises. He said that despite the owner and some of the staff having received basic hygiene training, breaches of the hygiene legislation continue to be witnessed. It was recommended that offences under the Food Hygiene Regulations (NI) 2006, Regulation (EC) 852/2004 on Hygiene of Foodstuffs be referred to Council's solicitor with the view to legal proceedings being instigated against the business owner. Agreed.

A member was of the opinion that the legislation was weak as problems at the premises seemed to be continual.

Policy for the Regulation of Street Trading: The Policy for the Regulation of Street Trading which had been developed to allow Council to follow the specific requirements under the Street Trading (Northern Ireland) Act 2001 and guidance provided in the Guide to the Street Trading Act was approved by members.

The Director Environmental Services confirmed that the street trading legislation did not cover those who collected for charities or for selling magazines such as the Big Issue.

Swine Flu – District Council Support for Anti-Viral Distribution: The Director Environmental Services reported that in July 2009 the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) had asked whether District Councils would consider providing assistance with the distribution of anti-viral drugs to the public should the influenza pandemic grow to proportions that overwhelmed the capacity of community pharmacies.

It was agreed that given satisfactory resolution of the key issues of indemnification, costs, insurance and trades union acceptance, that Council would be prepared to commit resources to provide assistance to the community in the event of severe stress on health resources.

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 Butcher, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

Brown Bin Collection: It was agreed that Council would consider extending the brown bin collection as it had been a mild autumn and residents were still cutting their grass.

Bus Station Station Road: Members were informed that the Mayor - Councillor Ó hOisín had agreed to contact Translink with regard to relocation of the bus stop at Station Road and that work had ceased on the bus shelter.

Enagh Cemetery: The problem of numerous floral and other arrangements being placed on graves at the Cemetery and how this presented problems for the general maintenance and grass cutting of the Cemetery was discussed. The sensitivity of limiting items on the graves and contravention of Councils rules for the Cemetery was referred to. It was agreed that decision would be deferred to the November meeting to allow members to visit the cemetery and see the problem first hand.

Tenders/Quotations:

- ◆ Retrospective approval was given for acceptance of quotation submitted by Blacks Nursery in the sum of £1,053+VAT for supply of 30 trees.
- ◆ The quotation submitted by NK Fencing for supply of IbeX Elite Fencing at Ballyquin Road Depot was accepted.
- ◆ The tender received from Hawthorn Heights in the sum of £9,307 for supply of safety surfacing at Blackburn Park was accepted.
- ◆ The tender submitted by TD O’Kane & Sons in the sum of £54,965 for supply and installation of play equipment at Dernaflaw Playarea was accepted.

Waste Data: The Director Environmental Services presented quarterly report on waste data flows for the various types of materials collected. He said a total of 1,943.52 tonnes of waste had been recycled, which represented 40% of overall waste collected. Officers and the general public were commended for the high rate for recycling. It was suggested that Council should consider issuing a press release to inform the ratepayer of this achievement.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Best Kept Medium Town: Members were informed that Council was runner up in the 2009 Best Kept Medium Town Awards run by the Northern Ireland Amenity Council.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 17 November 2009

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.00 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting