

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**20 NOVEMBER 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 G Robinson. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, M Coyle, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, B Douglas (chair), J F McElhinney, C Ó hOisín and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Building Control Manager, Environmental Health Manager and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - Alderman J Rankin and Councillor A Robinson

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 16 October 2007 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

- Members were advised that the size of the Mini Pitch at Dungiven was to agreed specification.
- The Chief Executive informed members that Council was awaiting legal advice regarding Drumaduff.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – NOVEMBER 2007:**

***Building Control Department:***

The Building Control Manager presented the Building Control report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged & issued, application for Entertainment Licence and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report, which was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

**Renewal of Amusement Permit:** It was agreed that the application for renewal of Amusement Permit at premises at 11c Main Street, Limavady would be approved.

**Council Depot CCTV System:** Members referred to vandalism at Council Depot and the problem of identification via CCTV due to those breaking in wearing hooded tops. The Building Control Manager agreed to update members at the next meeting on prosecution of those who had stolen Council equipment at Benone.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Environmental Health Manager presented the Environmental Health Report and enlarged thereon. The report and recommendations within were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following:

**Illegal Eviction of Tenant:** Members noted that a fine of £500 had been imposed on a landlord for illegal eviction and contravention of the Rent (NI) Order 1978 and that the landlord had been ordered to pay costs to Council and the courts.

A member questioned the fairness of the case as the landlord had lost rental income, had his property vandalised and was now left with a criminal record.

**Northern Ireland Survey - Sodium Content: of Soda Bread, Wheaten Bread and White Floury Baps 2006:** The Environmental Health Manager outlined details of a study into sodium levels in variety of breads across Northern Ireland. She said excess intake of salt causes a number of health problems and bakeries would be invited to attend courses which would demonstrate ways of reducing sodium content in their products. Noted.

**Bye-Law Prohibiting the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in a Designated Place:** The Environmental Health Manager detailed outcome of legal proceedings held against four separate cases of violation of the above bye-laws. She informed members that a consultation document concerning the review of this legislation would be brought to the next Environmental Services meeting. Welcomed.

***Technical Services Department:***

The Chief Executive presented the Technical Services Report and enlarged thereon. The report and recommendations within were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

**Ballyquin Road Civic Amenity Site:** The Chief Executive tabled four potential options for the proposed change to layout of Ballyquin Road depot and recommended that option 3, which would provide increased recycling capability with the least disruption to the existing site be adopted. He said that option 3 could be delivered in house at an estimated cost of £70,000. Agreed.

It was suggested that officers in charge visit Magherafelt Civic Amenity Site to see how it was operated and that signs be erected to inform the public of opening hours and charges for trailers. The Chief Executive outlined that a pricing policy would be brought back to Council for approval.

**Dungiven Civic Amenity Site:** The Chief Executive updated members on progress to securing land for Civic Amenity Site in Dungiven and said although a potential site had been identified near the junction of Drumrane Road and Feeny Road, Planning Service had concerns regarding this.

It was suggested that the Chief Executive contact Planning Service to ask what options Council had if no land would be identified and to ask if they could identify zoned land which might be used for the site. It was also suggested that officers

investigate if Council owned land in Dungiven would be suitable for the Civic Amenity Site.

**Dernaflaw Playground:** Members were informed that plans for the playground at Dernaflaw were at an advanced stage and that planning approval was expected within the next few months. Members approved siting of the playground in the site identified and welcomed that Council officers would begin consultation on the specification for the play area shortly.

**Council Nursery:** It was agreed that if Council could not find a potential buyer for the polytunnels and greenhouses from Council nursery that these would be donated to a voluntary organisation.

**Christmas Lighting:** Members were informed of timetable for switching on of Christmas lights. The request for a Christmas tree by Gortnaghey Community Association was discussed but members agreed to adhere to current guidelines by only supplying trees to towns and villages. It was agreed that staff would give the Association advice on where they might get funding for a tree.

**Backburn Park:** A discussion took place on vandalism at Backburn Park and what Council could do to curtail this.

**The Vale Centre:** It was agreed that a survey on the Vale Centre pitch would be carried out at a cost of £700.

**Supply and Delivery of Hot Pressure Washer:** It was agreed that the tender submitted by DA Forgie for supply and delivery of 1No hot pressure washer at a cost of £1,950.00 + VAT be accepted.

**Translink Ulster in Bloom 2007 & Supervalu Best Kept Awards 2007:** The results of the Translink Ulster in Bloom & Supervalu Best Kept awards for 2007 together with the Judges comments for Limavady, Ballykelly and Dungiven were tabled for member's information. Councils' workforce was commended for their hard work and dedication given that inclement weather at the time of judging the competitions.

The lack of toilet facilities in Ballykelly was highlighted and it was suggested that Council investigate a scheme currently running in mainland UK, whereby shops were given a set amount of money to let the public use their facilities. Reference was also made to the poor condition of roundabouts on the by-pass and Coleraine was quoted as an example which Council should aspire to. The Chief Executive confirmed that officers were investigating the option of perennial plants for 2008.

***Queries/Comments made outside the Reports:***

- *Councillor Cubitt highlighted recent incidents of tyre slashing along Edenmore Road and suggested that stiffer penalties be imposed.*
- *Councillor Chivers queried if swings could be provided at Drumsurn playpark*
- *Councillor Carten queried if a bus shelter would be provided at Glack Hall*
- *Councillor Butcher requested that Magilligan bus shelter be included in schedule of works as the Perspex covering had been shattered.*

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- It was suggested that large signs be erected to advise the public that Councils car park was available for public use over the Christmas period.
- It was agreed that Council acknowledge that Tommy Hasson had won the best Chip Shop in Northern Ireland Award.
- It was suggested that officers investigate if Council was responsible for replacing coping on the top of a wall at Scriggin Road.

**NEXT MEETING** – 18 December 2007.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 8.40 pm)**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chair of Meeting**