

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

21 MARCH 2006

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance: Committee Clerk and the Director of Environmental.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor M Carten.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 21 February 2006 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor McElhinney.

MATTERS ARISING:

Review of Waste Management Plan: Councillor Ó hOisín requested that it be noted that Sinn Féin were opposed to incineration as a method of waste disposal.

Play Area – Foreglen: At the request of Councillor Donaghy the Director of Environmental Services agreed to meet with representatives of Foreglen GAC regarding access to the proposed play area at the football ground. Councillor Donaghy agreed to arrange the meeting.

Relocation of Council Depot and Civic Amenity Site from Ballyquin Road: In response to Alderman Robinson, the Director of Environmental Services explained that Council were updating the 6 initial expressions of interest for an alternative site for relocation of Council Depot and Civic Amenity Site at Ballyquin Road and it was possible that some of these would be unsuitable but the list would be narrowed down before obtaining any valuation. He added that Council might have to start the process of finding a suitable suit all over again if the expressions of interest were unsuitable.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – MARCH 2006:

Building Control Department:

The Building Control report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged and issued between 15 February 2006 and 14 March 2006; Entertainment and Occasional Licences issued under the Local Government (Miscellaneous

Provisions) (NI) Order 1985; Annual Report on Petroleum Spirit Storage Installations for 2006; Amusement Permit renewed under the Betting Gaming Lotteries & Amusement (NI) Order 1985 and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report was approved.

It was agreed under Street Naming and Property Numbering Policy that a bilingual street name plate be erected at Iveagh Park (Páirc Uibh Eachaigh).

Format of Building Control Report: Councillor Coyle voiced disappointment that the Building Control Report was unable to be forwarded electronically due to the specific application format used within the Building Control Department.

Litter – Roe Valley Leisure Centre: Alderman Rankin referred to excessive litter at the front door of Roe Valley Leisure Centre and suggested that this be cleared and the bin emptied for cigarettes stubs.

Councillor Coyle requested that staff at the Leisure Centre adhere to health and safety regulations as he had observed a fire exit door being held open and blocked by a potted plant. Noted.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report and enlarged thereon. The report and recommendations within were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin subject to the following:

The Food Hygiene Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006: The Director of Environmental Services outlined that from 11th January 2006 the new Food Hygiene Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 came into operation and although all of the requirements in the new regulations were the same as the regulations they replaced, one of the main requirements was that owners of businesses must put in place ‘food safety management procedures’ based on the seven principles of hazard analysis and critical control point procedure (HACCP). He said that in order to protect the public a number of new enforcement measures were to be made available in respect of food business operators and that the department intended to issue all food businesses with a “Food Hygiene Guide for Businesses” booklet which had been produced by the Food Standards Agency. Noted.

Authorisation of Environmental Health Staff: The Director of Environmental Services sought authorisation from Council under Section 47 (A) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, as inserted by Article 26 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, that having considered the competence of the Chief Executive, the Director of Environmental Services and the Environmental Health Manager to authorise them to discharge its functions relating to the authorisation of staff in, or action on behalf of, the Environmental Health Department. Agreed.

Authorisation of Officers to enforce provisions of specific legislation: The Director of Environmental Services explained that authorisation to enforce provisions of specific legislation would be limited by qualifications/experience or until officers gained training and experience. As Officer’s individual authorisation may legitimately be examined in court and in the field, it was agreed

that the following Officers be given authorisations detailing the extent of their powers to the 28 pieces of legislation as set out within the report:

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| 1. Mrs Una Barrett | 2. Mr Noel Crawford |
| 3. Ciaran Doran | 4. Mrs Jacqueline Glass |
| 5. Mrs Marie Gormley | 6. Mr Thomas Keogh |
| 7. Miss Jill Newell | 8. Miss Joanne O'Kane. |

Technical Services Department:

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

Waste Management & Recycling Awareness Schemes: As part of Waste Management & Recycling Awareness Schemes, the Director of Environmental Services outlined that:

- a. *an impressive 77% of residents were using their blue recycling bin;*
- b. *residents could purchase composters from Technical Services at £21 per container;*
- c. *information regarding recycling would be uploaded to Council's website;*
- d. *that each Council in the NWRWMG were asked to pay £400 to cover cost of prizes, trophies and transportation in YouthSpeak 2006 Annual Public Speaking Competition for schools in Northern Ireland and that*
- e. *Limavady Borough Council had agreed to promote Real Nappy Awareness Week, Composting Awareness Week and Paper Awareness Week.*

Proposed Trade Waste Collection Charges – April 2006 to March 2007: Members agreed to the recommended 25% increase on trade waste collection charges and 15% decrease in trade waste disposal charges.

The Director of Environmental Services reminded members that although the 25% was a large increase, funding and grant aid were decreasing and Council had no choice but to pass on the cost to the traders. Alderman Rankin urged traders and the general public to attend the public meeting and consultation for Waste Management Plan to be held in the Gorteen House Hotel on Monday 27 March 2006.

Spring Clean Campaign 2006: It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín that the Spring Clean bulky collection would commence Monday 24 April to Monday 8 May 2006 at an approximate cost of £4,000 for the service.

Dungiven Sports Pavilion and Community Centre – Tennis Court/Bowling Green: The Director of Environmental Services informed members that damage had been caused to tennis court/bowling green in Dungiven by people playing golf and general vandalism. He said broken glass had been removed and sought Council approval for the Minor Works Section to replace the 3m high chainlink fence, entrance gate and 15 metal angle posts at the tennis court at a total cost of £2,150.

Councillor Coyle pointed out that although the bowling green was well utilized, the tennis court had not been used for years. He proposed that Council defer spending money on replacing the fencing but look to improving security at the bowling green. Councillor Ó hOisín seconded the proposal and said this would be welcomed by bowling green users who were concerned about vandalism.

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

Waste Infrastructure Task Force: It was agreed that 4 Councillors and 2 Officers would attend the Waste Infrastructure Task Force Consultation Event for District Councils to be held Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown on 27 April 2006. It was also agreed that attendance at the event would be an approved duty.

Introduction to Contaminated Land Management: It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Rankin that 1 Officer would attend the Introduction to Contaminated Land Management conference to be held 3 & 4 April 2006 in Ross Park Hotel, Kells at a cost of £270.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Drumaduff Dump Closure: In response to Councillor Douglas, the Director of Environmental Services said that Council was working with the DOE on finalising approval for vesting the land at Drumaduff and that it was hoped this would be completed within the next few months. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Brolly that the Director of Environmental Services would write to the DOE in the strongest terms regarding progress to finalisation of Vesting Order for the land at Drumaduff.

Clean: Alderman Robinson requested that the Massey Plaque in Irish Green Street and the Sterling Monument in Main Street be cleaned.

Town Hall – Update: In response to Alderman Rankin, the Director of Environmental Services explained that in January 2006 plans for the new Civic Centre at the town square had been lodged with Planning Service and that it could take up to 6 months for these to go through the planning process. He said that application had also been lodged for loan sanction approval and Council was waiting outcome of both these applications.

Councillor Brolly suggested that a cut off date needed to be set on whether to proceed with the project and that costs to date should be brought before Council for review. Alderman Robinson suggested that the Audit Committee bring forward their next meeting scheduled for 15 June 06 and that they discuss this. The Director of Environmental Services advised caution given previous agreement to progress the project and amount of work already completed. Alderman Robinson suggested that members take the advice of the officer and Councillor Coyle said there was a need to persist to conclusion even though there were a number of frustrations.

In the debate that followed it was agreed that the Director of Environmental Services would contact Planning Service regarding the progress on planning application and that an updated report of costs to date would be brought before Council. Councillor Donaghy suggested that members be given an updated Consultants Progress Report as there was a need to know when the first brick would be laid.

Presentations to Council: It was agreed that a delegation from Department of Regional Development would present to Council on Planning Policy Statement 14 at the Planning & Services Committee meeting on 6 April 2006.

Audit of Playareas: Councillor Chivers indicated that she would inform in writing what to be included in Audit of Playareas.

NEXT MEETING:

20 April 2006.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.30 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting