LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

21 APRIL 2009

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.45 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director of Environmental Services, Environmental Health Manager, Operations Manager, Waste Services Manager and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Brolly.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 24 march 2009 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

MATTERS ARISING:

Multi Purpose Civic Centre: Members were informed that a Clerk of Works had been appointed to the Multi Purpose Civic Centre project.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – APRIL 2009:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued in March 2009; Entertainment Licences Issues; applications for Entertainment Licences and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

Street Naming & Property Numbering: The Director of Environmental Services informed members that application had been received from the agent for the former Ministry of Defence dwellings at Clooney Road, Ballykelly requesting that Walworth Drive and Wood Road by changed for safety reasons to Forest Side, Ballykelly.

Members discussed the request and after consideration, it was agreed that officers would meet with the property owner to discuss the matter further.

Housing Development at Drumsurn Road: The request for new housing development at 275 Drumsurn Road, Limavady to be named Church View, Drumsurn was approved.

Addendum to Report – Building Control Computer Software: It was agreed that Building Control Software would be purchased from Tascomi Computer Software at a cost of £13,166.00, less funding of £11,500.00 to Councils from Land & Property Services and a subsequent annual user maintenance fee costing £10,500.00.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Hygiene Regulations (NI) 2006; Health & Safety; Licensing & Regulatory; Street Trading Act (NI) 2001; Pollution Control and Consumer Protection. The report and recommendations were accepted on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

Service of Hygiene Improvement Notices: The Environmental Health Manager explained that following complaint about poor hygiene conditions at a food premises in January 2009, an inspection was carried out which confirmed evidence of breaches of the Food Hygiene Regulations (NI) 2006. She said the contraventions were advised to the owner and officers requested remedial action.

Following further monitoring of the premises, officers recorded continued breaches of the legislation and ten Hygiene Improvement Notices were served on the owner requesting compliance by 17 April 2009. Further breaches of the legislation were observed during an inspection in April 2009 resulting in the service of an additional three Hygiene Improvement Notices.

The Director Environmental Services informed Council that as a result of a further inspection of the premises on 10 April 2009 an Emergency Hygiene Prohibition Notice was served on the owner requiring the premise to close down until works of improvements were carried out.

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that the matter would be referred to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being instigated against the owner for offences under Food Hygiene Regulations (NI) 2006.

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 Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

Provision of Increased Residual Black Wheeled Bin Capacity: It was agreed to extend the provision of additional black bin waste to large families of 6 or more living permanently at an particular address and to those living in the home having a medical condition which gives rise to increased waste.

Vale Centre - Pitch Maintenance: Members were informed that a final Maintenance Schedule setting out level of maintenance that Council would provide to pitches at the Vale Centre had been forwarded to Board of Greysteel Community Enterprises. A covering letter was also sent which explained Councils reasons for its decision and to advise of Member's willingness to meet with the Board to elaborate on these reasons. No response received to date.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

New Health Village: It was agreed that Dr McGee would present details of the new health village proposed at the former Gorteen Hotel site at a workshop to be held 28 April 2009.

North West 200: In response to a members query, the Chief Executive agreed to raise the possibility of financial support towards the North West 200 with the Director of Development.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 19 May 2009

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS	5
(The meeting ended at 9.00 pm)	

Signed:	
_	Chair of Meeting