

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
21 AUGUST 2012**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.00pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Environmental Services and the Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor D Nicholl

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 26 June 2012 were approved on the proposal of Councillor McCorkell, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

MATTERS ARISING:

Sweet Night Club, Limavady: Application for Renewal of Entertainment License: It was noted that the applicant declined the opportunity to appear before Council regarding the proposed refusal of the revised days and hours of operation and had reverted back to the existing days and hours of operation. The licence had now been issued.

Alexander Road Play Area: A Member advised that there were ongoing issues regarding the locking up of the playground at night by local residents with the result that the playground remained unlocked at night and vandalism continued to take place.

Seating – Blackburn Park: The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that vandal proof seating had been manufactured and would be on site in the near future.

Drumaduff Landfill Site: In response to a member's query the Director of Environmental Services provided an update on Council's decision to proceed to vest the necessary lands at Drumaduff to facilitate the closure and restoration of the landfill site. He added that Council's Land Agent had been instructed to write to the land-owners' representatives informing them of Council's decision and that Officers were currently preparing the necessary documentation to be forwarded to the Department of Environment.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – AUGUST 2012:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued, rejected, cancelled or withdrawn between 1 June and 31 July 2012; applications for Entertainment Licence; application for bi-lingual street name; Licensing of Petroleum Spirit Storage Installation, application for renewal of Liquor Licence, application for renewal of Bookmaker and Bookmaker's Office Licence and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Brolly subject to the following:

Application for the Grant of an Entertainment Licence: Noted that additional information had been requested from the Point Bar and St Matthew's GAC and it was agreed that subject to this being satisfactory with no adverse comments from the PSNI/NIFRS or no representations having been received from public advertisements, the applications be approved.

Bi-Lingual Street Name: Based on the responses received and in line with Council policy it was agreed to erect a bi-lingual street name plate in English/Irish at Rannyglas, Dungiven.

Renewal of Liquor Licence: Council offered no objection to the list of applications for the renewal of liquor licences and agreed to additional requests not detailed in the report from The Point Bar, Magilligan and The Depot, Limavady.

Application for the Renewal and Transfer of a Liquor Licence: Council offered no objection to the applications for the renewal and transfer of liquor licences from the Bayleaf Grill Ltd to Richard Miller for premises at 50 Catherine Street, Limavady and from The Calablanca to Michael and Annette Galbraith for premises at 63-65 main Street, Limavady.

Application for the Renewal of Bookmaker's Licence and Bookmaker's Office Licence: Council had no objections to the applications listed.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act, Food Safety, Licensing & Regulatory; Bye-Law Prohibiting the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in a Designated Place, Street Trading, Water Quality Report and Western Home Environmental Assessment Project (WHEAP) Update. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Councillor Douglas, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

Noise Nuisance – Playing of Loud Music, Limavady [PC2012-26]: Council agreed to the recommendation that the case be referred to the Council's solicitor with a view to instigating legal proceedings against the occupant of the property

for breach of the Abatement Notice served under Section 65 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

Stray Dog Offence [LR2012-535/536]: Agreed that the matter be referred to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being instigated against the owner of the dogs.

Contravention of a Control Condition Notice [LR2012-602/603]: Council agreed to the matter being referred to the Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings against the owner of the dogs. It was agreed that Council would investigate claims that there was another unlicensed dog at this address.

Unlicensed Dog Offences [LR2012-410] and [LR2012-299]: Council agreed that legal proceedings be taken against the keepers of the dogs.

Dog Attack on Livestock [LR2012-567]: Council agreed to the recommendation that in addition to the Control Condition Notice being attached to the dog licence and the £50 Fixed Penalty Notice for the straying offence being issued that legal proceedings be instigated for the offence of the attack on livestock.

The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that it was a legal requirement to have dogs micro-chipped before a dog licence was issued and clarified the law concerning the occasions when a dog must be kept on a lead. He explained Council's power in setting Control Conditions which could be placed on a dog owner in the event of a dog attack.

Members commended the actions taken by officers on dog control and noise nuisance issues.

On Street Drinking Offences: It was agreed to refer the 9 incidents detailed to the Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the persons 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 Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Rankin subject to the following:

Waste Management: The Director of Environmental Services reported that Council would take possession of the Dungiven Re-cycling Centre within the next few weeks but the planting element of the contract would be delayed until November as it was not the right time of year for planting.

Renewal of Dry Recyclables (Blue Bin) Contract: It was confirmed that the contract had now been awarded to Regan Waste Ltd. with an anticipated start date in September. Members were advised that Council could take a wider selection of recyclable material which should generate an income for Council and that as part of the contract the company had agreed to produce literature for distribution to the public to educate them on maximising the potential for recycling.

Tenders –: Agreed that the tender submitted by D.A. Forgie for the purchase of 1 No new Kubota F3680 Diesel Power Mower Unit at a cost of £17,950 plus VAT would be accepted.

Town Land Signs: The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that there were approximately 24 town land signs still to be erected and re-iterated the policy of erecting signs at existing road junctions where a name plate was present or on the boundary of a town land if no sign existed. He advised that there was no plan to erect any further signs.

Christmas Lighting: Members discussed the extension of Christmas lighting at Connell Street Car Park, Limavady, Main Street Limavady and Main Street Ballykelly. It was noted that the works to install the necessary connection points in existing street lights would be carried out by Roads Service or their appointed contractor at an estimated cost of £11,000 plus VAT. In addition to this cost members were advised that the purchase of additional festoon lighting units would cost approximately £7,000 plus VAT. The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that provision for some of this amount had been made in the current budget. Following a debate on the extent of the new lighting and the areas to be covered, it was agreed that the Director of Environmental Services would bring the matter back to the September meeting with a phased approach over 2-3 years to carry out the work. In the interim members would discuss the issue further with the traders. Members were advised that a decision would be needed in September to allow the works to be programmed in time for the Christmas season.

Council Offices – Interview Room: The various options for providing an interview room in the reception area were discussed and given the sensitive nature of some of the issues which would be discussed it was agreed on proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey that Council would proceed to continue to seek quotations to carry out the work by an external contractor. Final costs to be brought back to the September meeting for approval.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Bus Shelter Catherine Street, Limavady Borough Council Offices and the Massey Memorial: Members requested that the bus shelter on Catherine Street, the grounds outside the Council Offices, Connell Street and the Massey Memorial, Irish Green Street, Limavady be tidied up.

Provision of iPads: At the request of a member the Chief Executive agreed to investigate the costs involved in providing members with iPads to replace the existing laptops.

NEXT MEETING – 18 September 2012.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 08.55 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting