

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
21 OCTOBER 2008**

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

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: - Councillor Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

WESTERN GROUP ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08:

The chair welcomed Mr Barny Heywood, Western Group Chief Environmental Health Officer to the meeting.

Mr Haywood presented his Annual Environmental Health Service report for the year 2007/08. He explained that Group Environmental Health staff had worked with colleagues from District Councils over the last year to develop a new vision for the whole environmental health service in Northern Ireland and that the resultant document set out priorities and objectives for working with others to reduce health inequalities, improving food safety and nutritional standards, helping communities make healthy food choices, raising safety standards in workplaces as well as seeking to establish safer and healthier housing standards.

Mr Haywood indicated that new concerns such as climate change, biodiversity and work to seek controls on anti-social behaviour had resulted in novel ideas for some in the environmental profession. Nevertheless, adaptability and flexibility of environmental health staff and their openness to new ideas and challenges allowed the service to provide direct support to communities working with partners from all sectors to drive progressive improvement in health statistics as seen in recent years.

Mr Haywood reminded members of the Western Groups key objectives, core functions and of matters included in the report in relation to quality management, health & safety, emergency planning, consumer protection, public health & housing, food control and environmental protection. He drew member's attention to initiatives that the Western Group were involved with during the year, including 'Backs' campaign, storage of fireworks, Legionella Technical Supplement, use of sunbeds, guidance on employee contracts, noise in entertainment sector, safety at sports grounds and emergency planning seminar.

Members referred to the ongoing problem of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) emissions from road traffic in lower Main Street, Dungiven and gratitude was expressed to Alderman Robinson for continuing to highlight the problem within the Assembly. Alderman Robinson indicated that the ideal solution to the problem would be for the proposed by-pass to be de-coupled from wider duelling scheme

The chair thanked Mr Haywood for the comprehensive report.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 16 September 2008 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

MATTERS ARISING:

Appeal – Street Trading Licence: The Director of Environmental Services advised that it was anticipated that outcome of appeal regarding refusal of Street Trading Licence would be available around middle November 2008.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – OCTOBER 2008:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control report which detailed applications approved and issued in August 2008; Entertainment Licences issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

A member was advised to bring his queries regarding whether an establishment in Dungiven had an entertainment licence, fire certificate and planning approval to relevant department which dealt with the issues raised.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information in relation to Health & Safety, Licensing & Regulatory issues and Pollution Control. The report and recommendations were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

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 Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

Dernaflaw Play Area: It was agreed to accept the tender submitted from Street Play Leisure for supply of equipment for junior and senior area of Dernaflaw play area in the sum of £55,000+VAT.

Christmas Lights: Members were advised that due to Roads Service stipulations on electricity supply, it would cost Council an additional £21k to adapt the power

supply for illumination of Christmas trees along Main Street and Catherine Street, Limavady. It was agreed that Council had little option but to pay the additional costs, however, it was suggested that Roe Valley Chamber of Trade be approached regarding making a contribution towards the costs. It was also suggested that officer's look at an alternative power supply for future years and if it was possible for Council to tap into other sources of funding towards the unbudgeted costs.

Ibex Fencing: It was agreed that the tender submitted by JT Doherty Fencing in the sum of £7,100+VAT for removal and supply of fencing and gates at Ballyquin Road Recycling Depot would be accepted.

Town Hall Façade: Members were updated on progress regarding planning approval and ongoing stability of the façade for the former Town Hall. It was felt there was no need to reinstate the Town Hall Steering group as members were updated regularly on progression of the Town Hall scheme at either the Environmental Services Committee or the Monthly meeting of Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- ◆ Members were informed that copies of the Environmental Statement were available for members on Magilligan Waste Water Treatment Works.
- ◆ The Mayor - Councillor Chivers queried if a fence and gate could be provided at the playing fields at the top of Kings Lane in Ballykelly to prevent anti-social behaviour. It was agreed that the query would be passed to Technical Services department.

NEXT MEETING – 18 November 2008.

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

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting