

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

21 OCTOBER 2014

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.35 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle, A Robiinson and J Rankin. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, R Donaghy, B Douglas, T McCaul, G Mullan, D Nicholl, E Scott and E Stevenson (Chair).

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES: - Councillor S McGlinchey and Councillor J McCorkell.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 16 September 2014 were approved on the proposal of Councillor G Mullan, seconded by Councillor B Douglas.

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 1 – Dog Attack on a Person and Another Dog: The Director of Environmental Services advised that the court case with regard to the above had been adjourned to 19 November 2014.

Page 2 – Air Quality, Dungiven: The Director of Environmental Services reported that a local GP had indicated that he was unable to answer the request for information on health impacts arising from poor air quality in Dungiven. Noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – OCTOBER 2014:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, rejected and withdrawn between 1 – 30 September 2014. The items for information were noted and the report was approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Alderman J Rankin subject to the following:

Application for Occasional Licence: The application for grant of an Occasional Licence to sell liquor in the rear garden of Owens Bar during charitable events being held between 7 – 9 November, 15 – 16 November and 6 – 7 December was approved.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Safety, Health Safety & Well Being, Licence & Regulatory, Pollution Control and Environmental Health. The items for information were noted and the report adopted on the proposal of Councillor G Mullan, seconded Alderman M Coyle subject to the following:

Dog Attack on Sheep: The Director of Environmental Services highlighted that the case of a dog attack on sheep was heard on 24 September 2014 whereby the Judge imposed a fine of £100 and an Offenders levy of £15.00 on the dog owner. The Judge also ordered that compensation of £1,000 to be paid to the sheep owner and for Council legal fees of £425 & court costs of £28 to be granted.

Unlicensed Dogs: The Director of Environmental Services explained that the case of 2 unlicensed dogs was heard on 17 September 2014 in which the Judge imposed a fine of £35 in respect of each count and an Offenders levy of £15. Professional fees of £100 and courts costs of £16 were also granted.

Fixed Penalty Issued for Unlicensed Dog: The Director of Environmental Services advised that a fixed penalty notice of £50 was issued to the keeper of an unlicensed dog for payment by 3 October 2014. As no contact was received from the dog owner and the fixed penalty remained unpaid, it was agreed that legal proceedings would be taken against the owner for keeping an unlicensed dog.

On Street Drinking: It was agreed that details of an incident of drinking alcohol in a designated place contrary to Councils' bye-law would be forwarded to Councils solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the person identified for contravention of the bye-law.

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 was approved on the proposal of Councillor B Chivers, seconded by Councillor B Douglas subject to the following :

Review of North West Region Waste Management Group Waste Management Plan: It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor B Douglas that the revised Waste Management Plan for 2006 – 2020 would be adopted and forwarded to the Department for approval.

Lands at Dernaflaw: Further to a request from Planning Service, it was agreed that Council would no longer be of the opinion that a small area of land at Dernaflaw be retained as open space as outlined in the Area Plan as there was no longer a need for additional lands at that location.

Comments Made outside the Report:

Best Kept Medium Town: The Director of Environmental Services advised that Limavady Town had been awarded runner up in the Northern Ireland Amenity Council Best Kept Awards in the best Kept Medium Town category. Both residents and Technical Services staff working on the ground were commended by members for their hard work.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Christmas Lights: The Director of Environmental Services agreed to look into the provision of additional decorations for Councils Christmas tree in Limavady for 2014.

Tender for Refurbishment of Health Suite at Roe Valley Leisure Centre: It was agreed that tender submitted by RJ McKelvey in the sum of £231,765.60 for refurbishment of the Health Suite at Roe Valley Leisure Centre would be accepted.

Open Space – Bovally: Alderman Robinson proposed, seconded by Alderman J Rankin that approval be given for Council to fence off an area of open space at Bovally at a cost of £1,000 and to proceed to seek a lease agreement for the area in question from the land owner.

NEXT MEETING – 18 November 2014.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.20 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting