

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

23 SEPTEMBER 2008

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

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor B Chivers

Aldermen J. Rankin, G Mullan and G. Robinson. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, M Coyle, L Cubitt, C Ó hOisín J F McElhinney and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors M Donaghy, B Douglas and A Robinson.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 26 August 2008 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Mullan.

MATTERS ARISING:

Community Wardens: The Chief Executive advised that the Housing Executive had confirmed commitment of £9,000 funding towards the appointment of two part-time Community Wardens and that it was anticipated that they would commence employment after Christmas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2008:

Former Employees: IN COMMITTEE It was agreed that formal legal opinion would be sought before responding to the solicitors correspondence from two former employees. OUT OF COMMITTEE.

Sign at Dungiven Castle: Approval was given for the sub-leasee of Dungiven Castle to erect a sign on land belonging to Council near the bus stop.

Equality Commission – Annual Report: It was agreed that the draft Equality Commission Annual Progress report on how Section 75 statutory duties had been implemented within Council would be circulated to members for comment by 30 September 2008.

EXTERNAL MINUTES - NOTED:

- Northern Ireland Housing Council – 12 June & 14 August 2008
- Western Health & Social Care Trust – 7 August 2008

RESOLUTIONS NOTED:

- ◆ Reading Borough Council – request that Councils support the Campaign for Gurkha Rights.
- ◆ Newry & Mourne District Council – opposition to genetically modified organisms.

CONSULTATIONS:

It was agreed that the Corporate Policy Officer would respond on Council's behalf to the following consultation documents:

- ◆ Department for Employment and Learning – New Regulatory Arrangements for Vocational Qualifications in Northern Ireland - *31 October 2008*
- ◆ OFM/DFM – Public Authority (Reform) Bill - *26 September 2008*
- ◆ DCAL – Revision of the Public Use of the Records (Management and Fees) Rules (NI) 1996 - *2 December 2008*.

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

It was agreed that the following members/officers would attend the course/conferences listed:

- ◆ Councillor Ó hOisín to attend the Douglas Hyde Conference Lost in Translation to be held 17 – 19 October 2008 in Abbeyfield Hotel, Ballaghaderreen at a cost of €250.
- ◆ One officer to attend the 2008 Building Control Convention to be held 13 – 14 November 2008 in Radisson Roe Park Hotel at a cost of £60.
- ◆ Two officers to attend the Strangford Lough Management Advisory Committee in Association with the Northern Ireland Coastal Marine Forum to be held 27 November 2008 in Castleward Estate, Strangford at a cost of £95 per person.
- ◆ One officer to attend the Ecological Footprinting Conference – A step in the Right Direction for Local Government to be held 16 October 2008 in Armagh City Hotel at a cost of £25.
- ◆ One officer to attend the Sport Northern Ireland Investment Conference to be held 2 October 2008 in Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick – no costs.
- ◆ Alderman Robinson to attend the National Association of Councillors Communities in Control Conference to be held 10 – 12 October in Royale Hotel, Bournemouth - £350+VAT, accommodation and travel costs.
- ◆ Two officers to attend the Developing Northern Ireland's Waste Infrastructure Conference to be held 3 December 2008 in Stormont Hotel, Belfast at a cost of £195+VAT.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

NILGA Full Members Meeting: Members were advised that to mark the 30th year of Ulster in Bloom, NILGA were presenting a young native oak tree donated by The Woodland Trust and a plaque to each of the 26 Councils at a NILGA Full Members Meeting to be held 26 September 2008 in Lough Neagh Discovery Centre. It was agreed that the Mayor Councillor Chivers would receive the tree on Council's behalf.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- ◆ Civic Street – Autumn 2008, Issue Ten
- ◆ Health Promotion Agency Northern Ireland – Annual Report 2007/08
- ◆ Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland – Annual Report and Accounts 2007/08
- ◆ Invest Northern Ireland - Building Locally Competing Globally Annual Report & Accounts
- ◆ Queen’s University Northern Ireland Cancer Registry – Care of Patients with Malignant Melanoma of Skin in Northern Ireland 2006
- ◆ The Consumer Council – Corporate Plan 2008/11
- ◆ Big Lottery Fund Research – Issue 46
- ◆ Northern Ireland Water – Drinking Water Quality Annual Report 2007

NEXT MEETING: - 28 October 2008.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 7.40 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting