

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
23 OCTOBER 2007**

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

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor Stevenson

Aldermen G Mullan, G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, L Cubitt, M Coyle, M Donaghy, B Douglas, C Ó hOisín and A Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor McElhinney.

REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT:

The chair welcomed Eamon Molloy, Development Officer North West Region Cross Border Group to the meeting.

Mr Molloy outlined that the key policy drivers to waste management targets were EC Landfill Directive, NI Waste Management Strategy, NI BIPEO and waste management plans by NWRWMG & SWAMP. He said that under the NI Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS) there could be civil domestic penalties; up to £150 per tonne for excess landfill; potential cost of £60 million fines per year by 2020 for all of Northern Ireland and infraction cost of half million per day for non compliance with targets by Europe.

Mr Molloy informed members of the group's procurement and performance against targets to date, projected costs for compliance with the targets to 2013 and up to 2021 and projected costs for non-compliance.

Mr Molloy stated that following the development of Waste Management Plans in 2006 and in consultation with the waste management groups, a 'Strategic Outline Case' had been developed and forwarded to the Department to fund a further study into formulating a strategy on how best to utilise the waste outputs from an Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) plant to be utilised by all the waste management groups. He said that a Memorandum of Understanding had also been drafted as a framework for co-operation covering the joint venture envisaged in commissioning the MBT plant.

In the discussion that followed, Mr Molloy answered a number of queries in relation to incineration, location of plant/s, transportation of waste by rail and the powers of joint committee in the decision making process.

The chair thanked Mr Molloy for his informative presentation.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 25 September 2007 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **DPP Membership:** The Mayor requested that it be noted that clarification had been requested on what date Council was to take in deciding political make up of the Council for membership to the DPP.
- **Civic Centre:** The Chief Executive suggested that members be updated regarding negotiations with Fold Housing on right of way for the Civic Centre at the Planning & Services meeting on 1 November 2007. Agreed.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING – 27 SEPTEMBER 2007:

The minutes of special meeting held 27 September 2007 to discuss Tender Report for the Civic Centre were approved on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten.

INTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:

- **Audit Committee, 14 June 2007** - *A update on lease of lands at Garvagh Road was requested.*
- **Roe Valley Chamber of Trade and Commerce , 3 September 2007** – *The issue of fly-posting was raised and it was suggested that the difficulty in enforcement of the legislation be raised with Arlene Foster, Minister for the Environment. It was also suggested that the European model be considered whereby an official poster site would be provided.*
- **Neutral Space Forum, 10 September & 10 October 2007** – *Members were informed that the Forum had commenced an Audit of Council Offices, including the Mayors Parlour as part of the Neutral Public Space policy. The Mayor objected in the strongest terms to the Forum members entering the Parlour without asking for his consent and stressed that protocol of consulting with him when requests came in for use of the Parlour be adhered to.*

CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT – OCTOBER 2007:

Memorandum of Understanding and Strategic Outline Case for Commissioning of an MBT Plant for the North West and South West Group Areas: The Chief Executive referred to the above documents and the brief given by Mr Molloy earlier in the evening and said that Council was asked to approve the Strategic Outline Case to enable the tight timeframe for action to proceed. Agreed. It was also agreed that a revised Memorandum of Understanding would be brought to Council at the December 2007 Monthly meeting.

District Policing Partnership Reconstitution: Members noted correspondence received from Debbie Donnelly, Deputy Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Policing Board, which outlined that it was up to Council to decide methodology in selecting political members to the DPP so long as legislative requirements were met.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin that political nominations and selection of chairperson for the DPP would take place at the November 2007 Monthly meeting of Council.

EU Programmes and Clustering: It was agreed that a special meeting would be held after the Planning & Services meeting on Thursday 1 November 2007 to make decisions on cluster group for the New Rural Development Programme and the Peace III programme.

Helm Audit Report on Drumaduff: The Chief Executive explained that the Audit Committee had discussed the report by Helm on steps taken to secure ownership of Drumaduff landfill site, options available to bring the matter to a successful conclusion and calculation of the Borough's potential exposure to statutory site closure costs. On the advice of the Audit Committee, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Butch that legal opinion would be sought on the areas highlighted within the Helm Report.

Request for Presentation to Council: It was agreed that Northern Ireland Water would present details of work at Limavady new Waste Water Treatment Works at the December monthly meeting and that the request by Animal Welfare Federation to present on the subject of animal welfare in circuses would be deferred to a later date.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:

- Western Health & Social Services Board – 26 July 2007

CONSULTATIONS:

It was agreed that the Corporate Policy Officer would respond to the following consultation documents and include any additional comments made by members at the meeting:

- Driver and Vehicle Agency – ‘Driver Certificate of Professional Competence – Further Implementation Arrangements’ *15 December 2007*.
- The Electoral Office for Northern Ireland – ‘Customer Service and Performance’ *28 December 2007*.

It was also agreed that members would respond either on a party basis or individually to the Review of the PSNI Code of Ethics document.

COURSES/CONFERENCES/:

It was agreed that the following would attend the Courses/Conferences listed:

- Chief Executive to attend the Solace Northern Ireland Seminar 2007 to be held in the Slieve Donard Hotel on 5/6 November 2007 – cost £250.
- Councillor Coyle to attend the National Association of Councillors Annual Conference to be held 16/18 November 2007 in Ramada Hotel, Belfast – cost £345+VAT.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: - None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

RPA Event by PricewaterhouseCoopers: It was suggested that the RPA event organised by PricewaterhouseCoopers be scheduled for 13 November in Radisson Roe Park Hotel be rescheduled to either another date or time as this coincided with the Development Committee meeting.

Condolences: It was agreed that a letter of condolence would be forwarded to the family of Dr Roemmelle who had died the previous week.

Flying of Flags: The issue of flags flying at Edenmore Road and Josephine Avenue was raised and it was agreed that members would use their influence to ensure these were removed.

Chief Executive - Dinner Invitation: It was agreed that the dinner invitation extended to the 26 Chief Executives of Councils within Northern Ireland on 16 November 2007 by President Mary McAleese would be accepted.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Craft Northern Ireland ‘Why the crafts matter’ A advocacy document for the craft sector in Northern Ireland 2007 and Executive Summary Report
- Water – Independent Water Review Panel – strand one report, costs and funding October 2007
- The Consumer Council Annual Report 2006/07
- Water Service Annual Report and Accounts 2006/07
- Department of Social Development ‘Vital and Viable’ a good practice guide for breathing new life into cities and towns
- Department of Social Development ‘Partners for Change’ 2006-08
- Department of Regional Development ‘Sub Regional Transport Plan 2015 SEA Statement’
- Housing Research Bulletin ‘The Northern Ireland Housing Market: Drivers and Policies’
- The Rivers Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2006/07 and Business Plan 2007/08
- Donegal County Council ‘Making Shapes’ public art in Donegal 2006/10
- Age Concern Northern Ireland Annual Impact Report 2006/07

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 27 November 2007

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.05 pm)**

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting