

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
24 JANUARY 2012**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.15 pm 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 (Chair), G Mullan, D Nicholl, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Chief Executive and the Director Environmental Services.

**APOLOGIES:** - None.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 20 December were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Beattie.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Page 2/3 – Application for Grant of Amusement Permit:** The Director of Environmental Services explained the applicant had indicated that he would not be challenging the decision to refuse the application for grant of an Amusement Permit for premises at Catherine Street, Limavady. He said that since being advised of this the applicant had passed away. Council endorsed the initial refusal decision.

**Page 4 – Christmas Lights:** The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that Roads Service had no objection to Council putting up additional Christmas lights as long as Roads Service carried out the work for the connection points and for the costs to be covered by Council. It was agreed that the costs to install the connection points would be brought to a future meeting of Council.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – JANUARY 2012:**

***Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued, cancelled, rejected or withdrawn between 1 – 31 December 2011; Entertainment Licences issued; Property Certificates issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor McGlinchey, seconded by Councillor Chivers subject to the following:

**Application for Renewal of an Amusement Permit:** The application for renewal of an amusement permit at Roe Park, 11c Main Street, Limavady was approved by Council.

**Air Conditioning Council Chamber:** The Director of Environmental Services tabled quotations which had been sought for replacement of the defective heating/air conditioning units in the Council Chamber. Members discussed the recommendation to accept the quotation submitted by Premiair in the sum of £4,200.00. The Director of Environmental Services answered queries on the current heating/air conditioning system in the Chamber.

Councillor Mullan proposed, seconded by Alderman Coyle that Council accept the recommendation to replace the heating/air conditioning units.

Councillor McGlinchey proposed that the air conditioning units would not be replaced. He said that the heaters around the chamber walls should be used to heat the room and that if the room got too warm that the chamber doors should be opened. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Chivers.

Councillor Mullan's proposal was put to the meeting and declared lost, 3 for, 6 against and 6 abstentions.

Councillor McGlinchey's proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 6 for, 2 against and 7 abstentions.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Food Control, Licence & Regulatory, Pollution Control, Consultations and Fuel Poverty. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Rankin subject to the following:

**Malodour Complaint – Fumes from a Generator:** The Director of Environmental Services explained that Council had received a complaint of fumes emanating from a generator located to the rear of a public house in Dungiven. He said that the licensee of the premises had been contacted on two occasions and asked to move the generator away from the adjoining properties but failed to do so. He added that in light of this, a Notice requiring the Prohibition of a Recurring Nuisance was served on the leaseholder on 16 December 2011 under the terms of Article 70 of the Pollution Control & Local Government (NI) Order 1978 requiring him to relocate the generator within 7 days of receipt of the Notice.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that following several monitoring visits, a letter had been forwarded to the leaseholder on 11 January 2012 to advise that the case would be reported to Council, with a recommendation to refer the matter to Council's solicitor with a view to instigating legal proceedings against the leaseholder for failure to comply with the Notice. He confirmed that as a result of a visit to the premise on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 the generator had been relocated at the rear of the premise. It was agreed that the recommendation within the report would be withdrawn as the problem had been resolved.

**Roe Valley Fuel Budgeting Scheme Update:** The Director of Environmental Services reported that a month after the launch of the Roe Valley Fuel Saving Scheme, over £10,000 worth of stamps had been sold to residents in the Borough. It was suggested that a poster should be put up in shops selling the oil stamps to make people aware of oil companies who were participating in the Oil Stamp Scheme.

***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 Councillor Mullan subject to the following:

**Alexander Road Play Area:** It was noted that elected members and the Community Development Officer would continue to seek an individual to voluntarily open and close the play area at Alexander Road.

**Townland Name Signs:** Officers were congratulated on the design of the new townland name plates.

**Tenders/Quotation:** The following tenders were approved by Council:

- D A Forgie for supply and delivery of 1 new Kubota B-2530 tractor in the sum of £9,000.00+VAT.
- NK Fencing for supply and delivery only of 2.4m high 358 fencing mesh and 2 matching security gates in the sum of £8,476.50+VAT.

**Expansion of Ecar Project:** The Director of Environmental Services informed members that the Ecar Project was a pilot project designed to promote, encourage and research the use of electric vehicles in order to inform the future roll-out of electric vehicles charging infrastructure. He said that the joint led DRD/DOE project was partly funded by grants from the Office of Low Emission Vehicles, matched with funding from a consortium, which included NIE, Power NI, INTEL, SAP, Donnelly Motor Group, Armagh, Belfast, Derry, Fermanagh, Larne and Newry & Mourne Councils.

The Director of Environmental Services explained that with limited resources the original scope of the pilot project was to concentrate charging infrastructure in six locations. However, indicatively DRD would seek to have 3 to 4 double headed 22kW posts per Council area in return for a £10,000 contribution from Council. He said that each post would provide 2 parking bays for electric vehicle charging and that Councils total investment would be worth in the region of £30,000 to £40,000.

There followed a discussion on where the posts would be located, demand for electric cars, councils commitment to reducing carbon omissions and cost to connect to the posts. Alderman Coyle proposed, seconded by Councillor Beattie that Council would get involved and to commit £10,000 towards the project. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared lost, 3 for, 4 against and 6 abstentions.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PCSP Panel:** Councillor D Nicholl was nominated as a substitute to sit on the interview/shortlisting panel for the PCSP on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

**Work on Market Street:** In response to a member, the Director of Environmental Services confirmed that DSD were funding the work being carried out by Roads Service on Market Street and that the funding was to be spent by the end of March 2012.

**Civic Reception – LCDI:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey that a Civic Reception would be held for LCDI on their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Update - Lough Foyle Ferry:** Members were advised that Donegal County Council had requested that the Ferry Service Working Group meet on Thursday 2 February at 1.30 pm in Carndonagh. A member highlighted that it had been reported in the local media that Donegal County Council had put aside €25,000 for the ferry service. Noted.

**NEXT MEETING** – 21 February 2012.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.25 PM**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Meeting