

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
24 MARCH 2009**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.40 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors A Brolly, M Coyle and J F McElhinney.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 17 February 2009 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

**MATTERS ARISING:** None.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – MARCH 2009:**

***Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued in February 2009; Entertainment Licences issued; applications for Entertainment Licences; Annual Report on Petroleum Spirit Storage Installations for 2009, renewal of Amusement Permit and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Chivers subject to the following:

**Acoustic Report:** The Director Environmental Services informed members that Peter Lloyd & Associates prepared an acoustic report for Dungiven Sports Pavilion main hall and Roe Valley Leisure Centre minor hall and that this showed that neither hall would be suitable for high quality sound events. However, to help performance works could be carried out which would cost in the region of £18,000 for Dungiven Sports Pavilion and £40,000 for Roe Valley Leisure Centre.

Members agreed with the suggestion made by Peter Lloyd that hiring of a good quality sound system for each event would go a long way to improving the sound quality if the remedial works were too expensive.

**Addendum to Building Control Report – Application for Grant of Liquor Licence:** Council had no objection to the application for grant of liquor licence on premises at 145 Greystone Road, Limavady.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Health and Safety; Licensing & Regulatory issues; Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 and Smoking (NI) Order 2006. The report and recommendations within were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín subject to the following:

**Memorandum of Understanding on the Enforcement of Dog Control Legislation:** Council agreed in principle to the operation of a Memorandum of Understanding on the enforcement of dog control legislation between PSNI, District Councils and DARD to ensure uniformity of approach in the enforcement of the dog control legislation across all Councils.

***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 Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Alderman Mullan subject to the following:

**Recycling Centres – New Opening Hours:** It was agreed that revised opening hours for the recycling centres would be April – September 08:00 to 20:00 and October to March 08:00 to 17:30.

**Proposed Commercial Trade Waste Charges April 2009 – March 2010:** The Director Environmental Services explained that in order to improve recycling throughout the Borough, it was hoped to extend the blue bin recycling scheme to traders/commercial users. He said if they availed of the scheme, they would be offered a reduced rate of collection on the blue bin collection week.

The proposed charges for the next financial year for trade waste was approved by members.

**Proposed Foreglen Play Area:** It was agreed a meeting would be set up between Councillor Donaghy, Foreglen GAC and Council officers to clarify area available and entrance access for the proposed play area at Foreglen.

**Vale Centre – Pitch Maintenance:** The Director Environmental Services informed members that following discussion at the February 2009 Environmental Services Committee, it had been agreed that members would meet representatives of Greysteel Community Enterprises to discuss the proposed maintenance schedule for the sports pitches at the Vale Centre. He said a meeting had been scheduled for 6 pm on 24 March 2009, however the Vale Centre indicated that this did not suit its members. He added that the Vale Centre had also forwarded a further amended version of the proposed maintenance agreement, which was provided for members information and sought direction from Council on the way forward.

Members discussed details of the additional requests put forwarded by the Vale Centre to level of maintenance suggested the previous month and debated whether Council should organise another meeting with the Board members. A number of heated comments were made to which Alderman Mullan requested to be disassociated from.

After a protracted debate in which a number of proposals were put forward, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that the schedule of maintenance as presented to Council the previous month would be approved and that Councillors and officers meet with members of the Vale Centre to explain Councils' position regarding the financial outlay for the additional maintenance and to explain that agreeing to their request would set a precedent for maintenance of other pitches. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 8 for, 2 against.

**Multi Purpose Civic Centre:** It was agreed in principle that Council would appoint a Clerk of Works for an average of 16 hours per week at approximately £20 per hour to the Multi Purpose Civic Centre.

**Works at Drumsurn Community Association:** *Councillor Chivers declared an interest in the topic and took no part in the discussion.* The Director Environmental Services reported that in response to a request from Drumsurn Community Group to help install a path and services to the hall, costing had been provided to allow Council to make decision on the matter. He said costs for material were £2,044.00 +VAT and costs for labour & plant were £1,160.00. Approved.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Dungiven Civic Amenity Centre:** A member predicted that Council could expect a number of objections to the proposed Civic Amenity site in Dungiven.

**NEXT MEETING** – 21 April 2009.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
(The meeting ended at 8.45 pm)

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