

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**24 JUNE 2014**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.55 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Environmental Services and the Committee Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:** - Councillor G Mullan and the Chief Executive.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON:**

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman J Rankin, seconded by Councillor B Douglas, that Councillor E Stevenson would chair the Environmental Services Committee meeting for the year 2014/15.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 20 May 2014 were approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Alderman J Rankin.

**MATTERS ARISING:** - None.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – JUNE 2014:**

***Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged and issued between 1 – 31 May 2014. The items for information were noted and the report was approved on the proposal of Councillor B Douglas, seconded by Councillor B Chivers subject to the following:

**Application for Grant of Entertainment Licence:** It was agreed that the application for grant of an entertainment licence for Marquee at Alexander Arms Hotel, Limavady would be approved subject to there being no adverse comments following public advertisements and consultation with the PSNI & NIFRS.

**Application for Renewal of Entertainment Licence:** The Director of Environmental Services informed members that Council was awaiting a response to the consultation with the PSNI on application for renewal of an Entertainment Licence for Cooley's Bar. It was noted that a recommendation would be brought back to Council upon receipt of same.

**Renewal of Entertainment Licence:** It was agreed that the application for renewal of an entertainment licence by the organisers of Stendhal Festival of Art

between the hours of 6pm on 8 August – 1 am on Saturday 9 August and 11.30am on Saturday 9 August to 1am on Sunday 10 August 2014 would be approved if no adverse comments were received from the PSNI, NIFRS or from public advertisements.

**Roe Valley Leisure Centre Plant Upgrade:** It was agreed that the tender submitted by R & F Mechanical Ltd in the sum of £237,718.80 for plant update at Roe Valley Leisure Centre would be accepted.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Emergency Planning, Food Control, Health, Safety & Well Being, Licensing & Regulatory, Pollution Control and Work Activity. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman J Rankin, seconded by Councillor A Brolly subject to the following:

**Mutual Aid Agreement between Local Government and other Agencies in the event of Flooding (MAA):** Council agreed to enter into a MAA with Rivers Agency, Transport NI and Northern Ireland Water to provide assistance with the filling, storage and distribution of sandbags in the event of a major flooding incident.

**Safety at Sports Grounds:** It was noted that a new safety certificate would be issued to Owenbeg Centre of Excellence as the crowd capacity had increased from 5055 to 6833.

**Illegal Deposit of Waste:** The Director of Environmental Services advised that two names and addresses were found in a deposit of household waste at Loughermore Forrest and that under Article 20 of the Litter NI Order 1994, a Notice had been served on each person identified. As the persons had not made contact with the Department, nor complied with the Article 20 notices, it was agreed that both matters would be referred to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being instigated against the persons identified.

**Warm Home Scheme:** The Director of Environmental Services informed members that DSD had written to advise that the new Warm Home Scheme would commence from 1 September 2014 and that the new Council area would be awarded £126k for 2014/15 to deliver the scheme. It was noted that DSD were looking for one lead Council to distribute the funds.

**Air Quality:** Members were updated with regard to costs for air quality monitoring in Dungiven over a ten year period, which in total came to £110,734.58. A member voiced his concern that with no clear timescale for the construction of the Dungiven by-pass that Council would have to continue to monitor the air quality which was public money that could be spent elsewhere.

***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 J McCorkell, seconded by Councillor B Douglas subject to the following:

**Foreglen Play Area:** Retrospective approval was agreed on award of contract to Play & Leisure Services in the sum of £52,778.00 for supply and installation of play equipment and safety surfacing at Foreglen Play Area.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -**

**Civic Reception:** It was agreed that a Civic Reception would be held for Kevin Lynch Hurling Club who had won the 2014 Féile na Gael.

**Rathbready Walk:** The Director of Environmental Services agreed to pass on to Technical Services a request to clear weeds from the steps and carry out a litter pick at Rathbready.

**Grass Cutting at Drumsurn:** The Director of Development agreed to investigate the possibility of Council cutting an area of grass to the front of a housing development in Drumsurn.

**Funding Towards Stendhal:** Councillor D Nicholl suggested that Council look into providing additional funding towards Stendhal Festival.

Alderman M Coyle proposed, seconded by Councillor B Douglas that any decision around funding to Stendhal should be raised at the appropriate committee meeting. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, with 6 voting for, 6 against. The chair used his casting vote in favour of the proposal.

**NEXT MEETING** – 19 August 2014.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.45 PM**

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