

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**25 JANUARY 2011**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.00 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**APOLOGIES:** - Alderman Robinson

**PRESENTATION – NORTH WEST WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP:**

The Chair welcomed Eamon Molloy – Senior Responsible Officer, NWRWMG and Jonathan Gray – Project Manager, Strategic Investment Board to the meeting.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Donaghy that the presentation would be held **IN COMMITTEE**.

Mr Molloy explained the origin of the North West Regional Waste Management Group; the groups' key drivers; its activities and progress to date on Regional Infrastructure Procurement. Members were updated on allowable waste technologies, energy recovery and given examples of MBT plants.

The confidential presentation concluded with Mr Molloy outlining a timetable for having an MBT Plant in operation by July 2013.

Councillor Donaghy & Councillor Ó hOisín left the chamber at 8.30 pm and Councillor Butcher & Councillor McElhinney left the chamber a few minutes later.

The Chair thanked Mr Molloy and Mr Gray for attending the meeting.

**OUT OF COMMITTEE** on the proposal of Councillor Douglas, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 21 December 2010 were approved without comment.

**MATTERS ARISING:** - None.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – JANUARY 2011:*****Building Control Department:***

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved and issued between 1 – 31 December 2010, 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 Carten, seconded by Councillor Douglas subject to the following:

**Bi-Lingual Street Nameplates:** The Director Environmental Services reported that Council had received written requests from residents to erect bi-lingual street nameplates at 4 locations in Dungiven, namely at Chapel Road, Lackagh Park, Pelliper Park and Tracy's Way. He said that under Section B.2.4.1.2 of Councils' Street Naming & Property Number Policy, Council had consulted with the residents on the requests. He summarised replies to each of the requests and said that Section B.2.4.1.3 of Council policy states 'that although each application will be considered on its merits, considerable weight will be attached to views expressed by two-thirds of those occupants in a street who respond either for or against the proposal'.

It was noted that over two thirds of the valid responses received from residents had been in favour of erecting bi-lingual street nameplates.

A number of members voiced their opposition to the requests. A member queried the cost associated with providing the name plates and another asked that the name of those asking for the signs be made available to him.

The Director Environmental Services confirmed that the cost for name plates depended on the number of letters in the name requested, plus the cost to erect the sign, together with the administrative costs of dealing with each application.

The Director Environmental Services drew member's attention to the relevant article in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995 giving Councils the power to erect street nameplates and read from the relevant section of Councils Street Naming & Property Numbering Policy.

Councillor Stevenson proposed, seconded by Councillor Douglas that Council reject the requests for bi-lingual name plates.

Before any vote was taken, a member warned that the decision should be based on Council policy as this was ratepayer's money. The member also warned that if Council decided not to agree to the requests, it could result in legal action. The Chief Executive confirmed that any decision outside of Council policy had the potential to be challenged.

A recorded vote was requested and the proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 5 for, namely Councillor Douglas, Alderman Rankin, Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Robinson and Councillor Cubitt, with 4, Alderman Coyle, Councillor Carten, Councillor Mullan and Councillor Chivers voting against. Councillor Brolly indicated that she had abstained from the vote following the

advice of the officers and wished it to be recorded that she was of the opinion that this was an illegal vote.

The Director Environmental Services reminded members that the decision made was contrary to Council policy.

The Chief Executive confirmed that he would obtain legal advice on the decision. He also agreed to seek advice on whether the names of those requesting bi-lingual nameplates could be disclosed for confidentiality reasons.

**Request for Road Signs:** A request was made to replace damaged/missing road nameplates at Glenhead/Pollysbrea Road and Camnish/Derryork Road. Agreed.

***Environmental Health Department:***

The Director Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Consumer Protection, Food Control, Health & Safety, Licensing & Regulatory and Pollution Control. The report was approved without comment.

***Technical Services Department:***

The Director 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 Councillor Mullan, seconded by Alderman Rankin subject to the following:

**Drumaduff Landfill Site – Framework Agreement in Respect of Certain Closed Landfill Sites in Northern Ireland:** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Coyle that the draft Framework Agreement with regard to closed landfill sites would be accepted, subject to the continuance of discussions with the Department of Environment with a view to the formulation of a set of principles for the development of a future funding scheme by the Department towards the costs of remediation of site.

**Tender – Hydraulic Gang Mower:** It was agreed that the tender submitted under the umbrella of Banbridge District Council's Tender from Broderick Grass Machinery, Newtownabbey for the supply and delivery of 1no trailed five unit hydraulic gang mower in the sum of £16,995.00+VAT would be accepted.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Community Wardens:** The Chief Executive agreed to check if the funding for the Community Wardens posts had been suspended.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 15 February 2011.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**

**(The meeting ended at 10 pm)**

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