

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
25 JUNE 2013**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.30 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle, G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors, A Brolly, B Chivers, T McCaul, B Douglas, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, C McLaughlin, D Nicholl, G Mullan, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Building Control Manager, Environmental Health Manager, Operations Manager, Waste Services Manager, Committee Clerk and Administration Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor O Beattie and Director of Environmental Services

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON:

Councillor B Chivers was nominated as Chair of the Environmental Services committee for the year 2013/14 on the proposal of Councillor McCaul, seconded by Councillor C McLaughlin.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 21 May 2013 were approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor T McCaul.

MATTERS ARISING: None

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – JUNE 2013:

Building Control Department:

The Building Control Manager presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued, rejected and withdrawn between 1 and 31 May 2013; Entertainment Licence's issued; Property Certificates issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Mullan subject to the following:

Entertainment Licence Application: The application for the grant of an entertainment licence for a Marquee in the Secret Garden area at Drenagh Estate was approved subject to there being no adverse comments from the PSNI, NIFRS or public adverts.

Approved Places for Civil Marriages/Partnerships: It was agreed that the application from Drenagh Estate, Limavady and The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly for renewal of approved places for a venue for Civil Marriages/Partnerships would be approved subject to there being no adverse comments from public advertisements or the PSNI.

Transfer of Liquor Licence: Council had no objection to the application for transfer of a liquor licence from Lassba (NI) Ltd formerly The Classic Wine Bar to The Classic Wine Bar Ltd for the premises situated at 48 Main Street, Limavady.

Air Conditioning Quotes for Council Offices / RVACC: It was agreed that quotation submitted from Air Cool Engineering in the sum of £9,450.00 together with the quotation from Gelvin Electrics for £1,148.00 would be accepted.

Addendum to the Building Control Report:

Renewal of an Entertainment Licence: It was agreed that the application from Stendhal Festival of Art, Limavady for the renewal of an entertainment licence would be approved subject to there being no adverse comments from the PSNI, NIFRS or public adverts.

Notice of Application for an Occasional Licence: It was agreed that the application for an occasional licence by Donald Morgan, holder of licence for premises at Alexander Arms Hotel authorising the sale of intoxicating liquor at Stendhal Festival of Art on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 August 2013 would be approved.

Environmental Health Department:

The Environmental Health Manager presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Environmental Health; Food Control; Health Safety & Wellbeing; Licensing & Regulatory and Work Activity. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor McCaul subject to the following:

Alleged Illegal Eviction: The Environmental Health Manager reminded members that in October 2012 an alleged illegal eviction case was referred to Council solicitor with a view to instigating legal proceedings against a landlord. She said that the case had now been withdrawn as there was insufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction.

It was suggested that the case should not have gotten to this stage and that Council needed to prevent such incidents from happening again. It was also suggested that those who make false allegations should be held responsible.

Environmental Management System: Approval was given for Business in the Community to carry out an initial review, the first stage of development of an Environmental Sustainability Management System (ESMS).

Food Sampling Policy: The updated Food Sampling Policy was approved by Council.

Driving for Better Business: A member voiced disappointment at the poor update for the Driving for Better Business seminar. The Environmental Health Manager agreed to carry out research to ascertain why the update was low.

Fuel Poverty – Oil Grants Scheme: Members were advised that a grants scheme had been launched by the Mid & East Antrim and the Causeway Coast & Glen's cluster of councils to enable local communities to set up oil buying clubs and tackle fuel poverty in their areas. It was noted that three organisations made application from the Limavady area. It was suggested that the scheme should be ran again in the Autumn/Winter.

Unlicensed Dog [LR238-2013]: The Director of Environmental Services explained that following on from a previous court case in April 2013, the Department was made aware of an unlicensed dog at a house in Limavady. She said that a warning letter had been sent regarding responsible dog ownership and to request for the dog to be licenced by 2 May 2013. As the dog remained unlicensed, a letter with an accompanying £50 fixed penalty was subsequently issued to the dog keeper and to advise that if the fine was not paid by 31 May the matter would be referred to Council with a recommendation to instigate legal proceedings for the offence of owning an unlicensed dog.

Members were advised that Council had evidence that the dog was unlicensed at the time the fixed penalty was issued and could prove the offence under Article 17 (1) of the Dogs Order. It was agreed that the case would be referred to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the keeper of the dog.

Alcohol Consumption in a Designated Place: Following on from an incident in May 2013 of alcohol consumption in a designated place, it was agreed that the matter be referred to Council's solicitor with a view to legal proceedings being taken against the person identified for contravention of the bye-law prohibiting the consumption of intoxicating liquor in a designated place.

Councillor S McGlinchey stated that there should be on the spot fines for on-street drinking as taking people to Court was time consuming and costly to Council. He proposed, seconded by Councillor McCaul that a letter would be forwarded to the Justice Minister regarding amending the legislation on street drinking.

Technical Services Report:

The Operations Manager and the Waste Services Manager 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 Councillor McCaul subject to the following:

Drumaduff Landfill Site – Closure and Restoration: Retrospective approval was agreed for the purchase of a landfill gas analyser to measure and monitor gas at Drumaduff Landfill site.

Maintenance of Pitches at Vale Centre, Greysteel: It was agreed that representatives from the Vale Centre would be invited to present to Council details of their plans for a 3G pitch and exact nature and scale of the maintenance

works required from Council. It was highlighted that potential income from the pitch should be taken into consideration.

Orchard Community Playgroup, Ballykelly – It was agreed to accept the quotation from Gelvin Electrics in the sum of £1,166.00 to carry out the installation of additional exterior lighting at Orchard Community Playgroup in Ballykelly.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Establishment of Statutory Transition Committees (STCs): The Chief Executive provided members with an update on the key aspects of the Local Government (Statutory Transition Committee) Regulations (NI) 2013. It was agreed that the nominations to the Statutory Transition Committees be decided at the monthly meeting on 6 August 2013.

PSNI Site: It was agreed that the Chief Executive would make enquiries with Dungiven Presbyterian Church regarding their continued interest in the development of the PSNI Site, Dungiven.

Alderman G Robinson joined the meeting at 9.30 pm.

Windyhill Road: It was agreed that the Chief Executive would contact Roads Service regarding request for Windyhill Road to be changed back to the original road name of Murderhole Road.

Grammar School 1st 11 Cricket Team: It was agreed a letter of congratulations would be forwarded to Limavady Grammar School 1st 11 Cricket Team on winning the Ulster Cup for the first time in 39 years. It was agreed that a reception would be held for the team after the summer holidays.

Department of Agriculture Office in Limavady: The Chief Executive agreed to contact the Department of Agriculture with regard to rumours that the Killane Road office was being relocated to Strabane.

NEXT MEETING – 20 August 2013.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.35 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting