

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

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

25 SEPTEMBER 2007

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

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor Stevenson

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 28 August 2007 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the list of those present at the last meeting being amended to include Councillor Douglas.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2007:

Disability Action Plan: Councillor Coyle, Councillor Ó hOisín and Alderman Rankin were nominated to the Disability Working Group which was being set up to progress the Disability Action Plan up to 2009.

Anti Social Behaviour – Information Sharing Protocol: The Chief Executive outlined that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive held tripartite meeting with the PSNI and Council in relation to anti social behaviour in the Borough and had suggested that an information sharing protocol be agreed between the three agencies. He said that the sharing of relevant information would assist the agencies in working together against anti social behaviour including remedies such as Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs). The Information Sharing Protocol document was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Robinson.

District Policing Partnership Political Condition: The Chief Executive informed members that Dr Debbie Donnelly had confirmed that the Policing Board had decided that Limavady DPP did not meet the Political Condition in accordance with the provisions of the Northern Ireland (St Andrew's Agreement) 2006, paragraph 2 (6) and therefore Council had 3 months to change the political composition of the DPP to reflect as far as possible the balance of parties on the Council at 4 September 2007.

Council debated whether it was bound to use the d'Hondt approach outlined in the Policing Boards briefing papers or if Council was free to choose its own mechanism for deciding the political composition of the DPP. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that the Chief Executive would get confirmation of this in writing from the Policing Board before agreeing a reconstitution date and methodology in electing the 9 members. It was agreed that this would be discussed again at the October 2007 Monthly meeting of Council.

Waste Management Plan: The Chief Executive explained that further to the arrangement for joint procurement of an MBT plant between the NWRWMG and SWAMP, consultants have been appointed to bring forward an Interim Contract with an existing provider of MBT facilities. He said this was because a new MBT plant could not be in place before 2012 and fines for failure to meet NILAS targets start from 2010.

Council agreed in principle to be party to the interim contract and it was agreed that details would be brought back to Council for final approval before tender documents for potential providers would be drawn up.

It was agreed that Alderman Rankin, Councillor Cubitt, Councillor Coyle, Alderman Mullan Councillor Butcher and Councillor Ó hOisín would attend the North West Region Cross Border Group information seminar whereby members would be briefed by consultants on the assessed risk of fines and proposed way forward on 1 October 2007 in Magherafelt.

Local Democracy Week: It was agreed that any members who was available could attend the Local Democracy Week event on 19 October 2007.

International Women's Health Conference: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Chivers that Council would contribute £1,000 towards the International Woman's Health Conference to be held from 28 – 30 May 2008 in the Everglades Hotel.

Roads Service – Autumn Consultation: It was agreed that Roads Service would present their Autumn Consultation Report at the November 2007 Support Services Meeting.

EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:

- Northern Group Building Control Committee – 29 March 2007
- Western Health & Social Care Trust – 28 June 2007.

CONSULTATIONS:

It was agreed that the Corporate Policy Officer would respond to the following consultation documents and include comments made at the meeting.

- Department of Regional Development – 'Proposed Penalty Fares (Increase) Order (NI) 2007' *Council had no objection to the proposal to increase the penalty fare from £10 to £20.*
- Department of Transport – 'Use of Seat Belts and Child Restraints by Child Passengers on Buses and Coaches' *Members felt that the right questions were not being asked in the consultation document and that it was difficult to decide on the best possible option. It was stated that it would be unfair to expect any*

Bus Driver to be responsible for making children a wear seat belts and that safe travel on buses should be enforced in children via their parents or within schools.

It was suggested that the Chief Executive review how consultations were dealt with and ensure members had option of responding to each one received.

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

Confederation of European Councillors – Winter Seminar 2007: It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten that Councillor Coyle would attend the above seminar titled ‘Tackling Poverty and Social Need in Ireland North & South’ to be held in the Killyhevln Hotel, Enniskillen on 7 December 2007 at a cost of €190.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

Following approval by the Department, the request to lease 0.35 acres of land within Dungiven Sports Pavilion Complex to ‘Hands that Talk’ at a nominal rent for a period of 99 years was agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Special Monthly Meeting - Civic Centre: It was agreed that the Special Monthly Meeting to discuss the Civic Centre would take place at the later time of 7.30 pm.

Attendance at Meetings/Visit to Council Building: Members questioned the accuracy of figures given for members’ attendance at meetings and were informed these were obtained from the signatures in the attendance book. It was suggested that if a member entered the chamber when the meeting was over, they should not sign as being in attendance at the meeting.

It was pointed out that those members who entered Council Building via the back entrance should sign in at the reception desk to ensure Health & Safety guidelines were adhered to.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Health Promotion Agency for Northern Ireland - Annual Report 2006/07
- (b) Fisheries Conservancy Board – Annual Report & Financial Statements
- (c) Public Processions (NI) Act 1998 – Annual Report.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 23 October 2007

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.20 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting