

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
26 JUNE 2012**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.45pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES: - None.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON:

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Beattie that Councillor Mullan would chair the Environmental Services Committee for the year 2012/13.

PRESENTATION ON ECAR PROJECT:

The Chair welcomed Mr Gregory Kerr, Department of Regional Development to the meeting.

Mr Kerr explained transport omissions, changes to journey patterns, road network per capita and public transport provision had lead to the establishment of the ecar project. He said that the EU had set targets to reduce emissions by 2020 and that a consortium within NI of Executive Departments (DRD & DoE), Power NI, Motor Groups, Intel, Strategic Investment Board, ESB and up to 15 Councils had signed up to the project.

Mr Kerr outlined that £850k had been awarded to NI in the first year of the project to install electric vehicle charging points (CP's) infrastructure and that this had increased to £1.7 million in year two. He said that the funding would be used to expand the project into new council areas and to have at least 5 CP's in each council area. He added that Limavady Borough Council would help meet EU targets on emissions by agreeing to join the consortium and to invest in 5 CP's along strategic routes in the Borough at a cost to Council of £55,000.

In the discussion which followed points made included that electric cars were the way of the future; that car manufacturers were investing heavily in technology to lower the cost of electric vehicles and that many people would put off investing in electric cars due to the time it took for them to be charged.

The Chair thanked Mr Kerr for his informative presentation. Mr Kerr left the meeting at 9.10 pm.

Alderman Coyle proposed that Council reconsider a previous decision with regard to the project and proposed that Council support the initiative as a capital works project. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Brolly and on being put to the meeting was declared carried, 8 for, 0 against and 5 abstentions.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 15 May 2012 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

MATTERS ARISING: -None.

Alderman Robinson joined the meeting at 9.20 pm.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – JUNE 2012:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued, rejected, cancelled or withdrawn between 1 – 31 May 2012; applications for Entertainment Licence; Property Certificates issued; application for bi-lingual street name; Licensing of Petroleum Spirit Storage Installation, application for premises to be approved as a Venue for Civil Marriages/Civil Partnerships and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The items for information were noted and the report was adopted on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin subject to the following:

Application for the Grant of an Entertainment Licence: The applications received for grant of an Entertainment Licence for Dungiven Castle and for Stendhal Festival were approved subject to there being no adverse comments from the PSNI or NIFRS and no representations having been received from public advertisements.

Revised Applications for Renewal of Entertainment Licences: Applications for the renewal of entertainment licences detailing revised days and hours for entertainment for the Corner Bar and Sweet Nightclub, Limavady were discussed. The Director of Environmental Services pointed out that the PSNI had no objection to renewal of the Entertainment Licence for the Corner Bar or Sweet Nightclub as per existing hours but objected to the requested extension of hours on Saturday night / Sunday morning to 2 am for Sweet Night Club. This was due to lack of resources to police the area until later in the night. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Brolly that the Entertainment Licences be granted as applied for to include the revised days and hours of operation. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared lost, 5 for, 9 against. On clarification it was confirmed that the Licence for the Corner Bar could be granted with the existing days and hours of operation but that the application for the extended hours for Sweet Nightclub would not be granted. It was agreed that the applicant for Sweet Nightclub would be afforded an opportunity to appear before Council regarding the proposed refusal.

The Director of Environmental Services reminded members that if Council decided to refuse the entertainment license the applicant would have a right of appeal to the court.

Licensing of Petroleum Spirit Storage Installations: The application for grant of a petroleum licence for Derrychrier Service Station was approved.

Approved Places for Civil Marriage/Partnerships: The application for Dungiven Castle to be permitted as a venue for Civil Marriages/Civil Partnerships was approved.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Consumer Safety, Food Control, Licencing & Regulatory; Street Trading and Pollution Control. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Chivers subject to the following:

Food Hygiene Rating Scheme: Council approved the policy on how Limavady Borough Council would implement the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme.

Refusal of a Stationary Street Trading Licence: It was recommended that an application for a stationary Street Trading Licence to operate a catering stall for the sale of hot and cold food in an area between 28 – 38 Catherine Street Limavady be refused on the grounds that the preparation and sale of hot food might affect the general amenity of the area. Agreed.

Applications for Occasional Liquor Licences: The application for transfer of an Occasional Licence from Sportsman Inn to Diamond Centre Claudy on 14 July 2012 was approved. The application for transfer of an Occasional Licence from John T's bar to Murphy's Yard was also approved.

Technical Services Report:

The Director of 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 Chivers, seconded by Alderman Coyle subject to the following:

Waste Management: The Director of Environmental Services reported that queries raised around the contract for blue bin recyclable waste were being worked through and that Members would be kept updated on the outcome at a later date.

Consultation on Charges for Single Use Carrier Bags: The draft response to the consultation on charges for single use carrier bags was approved for submission by 9 July 2012.

Tenders - Roemill Road Pitches: Agreed that the tender submitted by Gerald Begley for excavation and land drainage would be accepted; the tender submitted by Whitemountain Quarries for supply of aggregate and 50mm cut stone would be accepted and the tender submitted by J Bradley and Sons for supply of drainage pipe and associated fittings would be accepted.

Quotation for 1no New Fairway 3 Cylinder Mower: It was agreed that authority would be delegated to officers to accept the lowest price quotation for supply of 1 no new fairway 3 cylinder mower.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Alexander Road Play Area: Agreed that the Director of Development would make contact with those who had agreed to voluntarily open and close Alexander Road play area.

Seating – Blackburn Park: The Director of Environmental Services agreed to look at the possibility of provision of vandal proof seating in Blackburn Park.

Drumaduff Landfill Site: IN COMMITTEE. A report was tabled on land acquisition for Drumaduff landfill site setting out the efforts that have been made by Council over a number of years to acquire the necessary lands by agreement from the relevant land owners in order to implement the Closure Plan for the site. As no agreement had been reached it was proposed by Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Chivers that Council would make application to the Department of Environment to have the lands vested in the Council. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 7 for, 2 against and 4 abstentions.

OUT OF COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING – 21 August 2012.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 10.50 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting