

LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH

26 SEPTEMBER 2006

Minutes of monthly meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady, which commenced at 7.00 pm on the above date.

In the Chair: Councillor McElhinney

Other Members: Aldermen G Mullan, G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, M Coyle, L Cubitt, B Douglas, C Ó hOisín, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

In Attendance: Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGY: - Councillor Donaghy.

CONDOLENCES:

It was agreed that a letter of condolence would be forwarded to Councillor Donaghy on the death of her grandmother.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING:

The minutes of meeting dated 22 August 2006 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

MATTERS ARISING:

Planning Service Working Group: As chair of the Planning & Services committee, it was agreed that Councillor Butcher would be included in the Planning Service Working Group.

PPS 14 – Request for Council Support by Omagh District Council: The Chief Executive informed members that Michael Rickard from NILGA had clarified that it was a matter for individual Councils if they wanted support Omagh District Council in challenging PPS14. He said NILGA had made a response to PPS14 and this was available on their website www.nilga.org.

Refurbishment of Dogleap Centre, Roe Valley Country Park: Members noted that the Director of Development was organising a meeting between EHS and elected members on the Management of Roe Valley Country Park.

Sub-lease of Dungiven Castle: The Chief Executive explained that the Department had no problem with Council sub-leasing Dungiven Castle but pointed out that the original lease had not been approved by the Department.

MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The minutes of Audit Committee meeting held 18 May 2006 was noted.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING ON RPA:

The minutes of Special Meeting held 29 August 2006 on the RPA was tabled and noted.

Councillor Coyle, Alderman Robinson, Councillor Butcher, Councillor Douglas and Alderman Rankin were nominated to the RPA Working Group and it was agreed that the group would meet at 6 pm on Thursday 5 October 2006.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2006:

The Chief Executive presented his Report for September 2006 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within were agreed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Coyle subject to the following:

Risk Management Policy and Risk Register: The Chief Executive explained that the Corporate Risk Register had been developed through a risk management workshop between senior officers and Marsh Risk Consultants, a subsidiary to Councils insurers. He said the top ten organisational risks and appropriate actions aimed at minimising or mitigating against these risks had been identified and that this would form another ingredient in the process of formulating Councils new Corporate and Business Plans. The Risk Register was approved on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

Industrial De-rating: The request received from Richard Hogg of Northern Ireland Manufacturing to allow their representative Mr Basil McCrea to address Council at a special meeting was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

North West Gateway Initiative – Update Report: The Chief Executive explained that in May 2006 the joint British and Irish 'North West Gateway Initiative had been launched and this would establish a process to identify and deliver agreed priorities economically and otherwise in the North West region of the Island. Members noted that it had been agreed at the North West Region Cross Border Group that the progress report would be shared with individual Councils.

Alderman Rankin joined the meeting at 7.25 pm.

Councillor Training: The following training for elected members was agreed.

- (a) Chairing of Council Committees - 11 October 2006 at 5.30 pm – *all members to attend;*
- (b) NILGA Councillor's Training in Planning – 25 October 2006 Flowerfield Arts Centre, Coleraine - *Alderman Rankin, Councillor Ó hOisín, Councillor Cubitt, Councillor Butcher, Councillor Chivers, Councillor Douglas, Councillor Carten, Councillor Coyle, Alderman Mullan and Alderman Robinson to attend.*

Secretary of State Visit: The Chief Executive outlined that Peter Hain, Secretary of State had visited Council Offices on 12 October 2006 where he had met with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and himself. He said during the visit the issue was raised to the possibility of locating the new PSNI College at the current MOD site

at Ballykelly and added that it had been suggested that Council might wish to forward an outline proposal regarding this issue.

Councillor Cubitt pointed out that the site had training facilities, road infrastructure, possibility of a rail link and a civilian & military airport. He said this provided an opportunity for jobs, would boost the local economy, schools and give Council an opportunity to progress the by-pass with Roads Service. He proposed that the Chief Executive and the Director of Development write the relevant minister regarding locating the PSNI College in Ballykelly. Alderman Robinson concurred and said Council should take this opportunity to express interest. The proposal was also supported by other unionist members.

Councillor Coyle agreed with most of the comments made by Councillor Cubitt but said Council needed to look at the wider community aspect and other uses if the PSNI College did not come to the site. Councillor Ó hOisín objected in the first instance and said Sinn Féin did not want the college located in Ballykelly but would welcome other developments.

Councillor Coyle proposed an amendment that Council investigate all possible uses for business and the community with respect to the site in Ballykelly and that all possibilities be investigated. He clarified to Councillor Cubitt that the amendment did not exclude the PSNI College but Council needed to investigate and meet with those involved with the site to see exactly what facilities were there. Councillor Butcher seconded the amendment and on being put to the meeting was declared carried, with 8 voting for and 6 against. The substantive motion was put to the meeting and declared carried.

Councillor Cubitt further proposed a further amendment that Council write to the minister to express interest in locating the PSNI College in Ballykelly and that Council explore all possibilities regarding the site. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared lost, with 6 voting for and 8 against. Councillor Cubitt said he would do all in his power to bring the College to Ballykelly.

MINUTES FROM EXTERNAL BODIES:

The following minutes were tabled and noted.

- Western Health & Social Services Council – 1 June 2006
- Foyle Health & Social Services Trust – 18 August 2006

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR CUBITT:

Councillor Cubitt requested that the following notice of motion be debated at the October 2006 Environmental Health meeting. Agreed.

“That this Council retains and upgrades the Ballyquin Road Amenity site and that Amenity sites be provided at Greysteel and Magilligan.”

CONSULTATIONS:

The Chief Executive tabled the following consultation documents and it was agreed that those members who wished to respond would contact the Corporate Policy Officer two weeks before the consultation deadline.

1. 'Draft Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006' – response due 29 September 2006;
2. 'The Law on Knives in Northern Ireland' – response due 13 October 2006;
3. 'Sharing Redirection Data, a Briefing Document' – response due 13 October 2006.

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

It was agreed that the following members/officers would attend the conferences/courses listed:

- *Chief Executive to attend the 11th Annual Northern Ireland Economic Conference on 4 October 2006 in Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick at a cost of £255+VAT;*
- *Councillor Ó hOisín & Councillor Coyle to attend the Confederation of European Councillors Annual Conference on 12 & 13 October 2006 in City Hotel, Derry at a cost of £150 per person;*
- *Alderman Robinson to attend the National Association of Councillors Annual Conference and General Meeting on 27 – 29 October 2006 in Novotel Cardiff Centre at a cost of £295+VAT;*
- *Councillor Ó hOisín and the Chief Executive to attend the Spatial Strategies Infrastructure Conference on 9 November 2006 in Canal Court Hotel, Newry at a cost of £75 per person;*
- *Councillor Brolly to attend the 18th National Tourism Conference on 24 & 25 November 2006 in Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.*

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS: - none

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

St Canice's GAC Dungiven Minor Team: It was agreed that Council would host a civic reception for St Canice's GAC minor football team who had won the Carlin & Duffy Cup and the County Derry championship.

New Parking Restrictions: It was agreed that the Chief Executive would write to Roads Service regarding the public being made aware of the implications of the transfer of parking enforcement to Roads Service and to encourage a robust information campaign regarding changes to the law and implications to motorists.

Primary and Community Care Infrastructure (PCCI): The Chief Executive outlined that the health board were developing an Outline Business Case (OBC) with the aim of securing funding to improve primary and community care infrastructure. He said this would cover GP practices, Health and Care Centres and a range of other facilities including learning disability, services for older people and mental health. He added that the board were attempting to engage with a range of stake holders, including Council and had requested a meeting in October or early November 2006. Agreed.

Littering – Blackburn Park: Alderman Robinson pointed out that there were signs regarding littering in Blackburn Park but no bins were provided. He requested that bins be provided as soon as possible.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Northern Ireland Policing Board – Human Rights Annual Report 2006
- EHS – Annual Report & Agency Accounts
- Committee on Standards in Public Life – Survey of Public Attitudes towards Conduct in Public Life 2006
- Housing Executive – The Statutory Registration Scheme for Houses in Multiple Occupation in Northern Ireland
- Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland – Corporate Plan 2006/09, Business Plan 2006/07 and Annual Report 2005/06
- Northern Ireland Assembly Environment Committee – Inquiry into Transport used for Children Travelling to and from School (Progress Report and Assessment of the Four Key Recommendations)
- Equality Impact Assessment – Review of the Regional Housing Growth Indicators
- Foyle Health & Social Services Trust – Annual Report 2005/06
- The Royal Hospital Annual Report 2005/06
- Housing Executive – 35th Annual Report from April 2005 to March 2006
- Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency – Long Term International Migration Estimates for Northern Ireland (2004/05) Sources and Methodology
- Rivers Agency – Consulting Engineers, Flood Management Policy Review
- Rent Officer Service (N.I.) Annual Report 2005/06
- DOE – Amendment to the Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) Regulations (N.I.)
- Disability Sports N.I.- Policy Agenda 2006/09 Achieving Equality in Sport & Physical Activity
- The Planning Service – Housing Lady Availability Summary Report 2005
- Arts Council of Northern Ireland – Annual Report 2004/05
- NIPPA – Annual Report 2005/06

NEXT MEETING – 24 October 2006

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.25 pm)