

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

**15 DECEMBER 2004**

Minutes of monthly meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady, which commenced at 9.30 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

**In the Chair:** Councillor Rankin

**Other Members:** Alderman Dolan. Councillors A. Brolly, B. Brown, B. Chivers, M. Coyle, L. Cubitt, M. Donaghy, B. Douglas, D. Lowry, G. Mullan and E. Stevenson

**In Attendance:** Committee Clerk, Chief Environmental Health Officer, Chief Technical Services Officer, Chief Recreation & Tourism Officer and the Corporate Policy Officer

**APOLOGIES:**

Aldermen G. Robinson and M Carten, Chief Finance & Administration Officer and the Town Clerk.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NI) ORDER 2005 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT:**

The Corporate Policy Officer presented a brief outline of the Local Government (NI) Order 2005 Consultation Document and submitted a response for ratification by Council for submission to the Department by 10 January 2005. Members welcomed the statutory provision for Councils to carry out emergency planning and amendments to Litter (NI) Order 1994 which allow Council to retain receipts from fixed penalties. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor A Brolly that Council adopt the Local Government (NI) Order 2005 Consultation Document and endorse the draft response of APSE, with minor comments to be forwarded to the department.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of monthly meeting dated 24 November 2004 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Dolan, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

Councillor Cubitt requested that his reservations regarding Lidl's application for a liquor licence be noted.

**ROE VALLEY CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE:**

Minutes of meeting held 6 December 2004 were tabled and noted.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Northern Ireland Events Company – Proposed Budget 2006-2008:** The Chief Technical Service Officer detailed contents of letter dated 3 December 2004 from Minister Angela Smith on the proposed cuts to the DCAL funding of the Northern Ireland Events Company. He said the Minister had thanked Council for supporting the Northern Ireland Events Company and had agreed to pass on Council's concerns to Castle Buildings before the end of consultation of 7 December 2004.

**Roe Fold Concerns:** The Chief Technical Service Officer confirmed to members that Fold residents would be invited to attend a future meeting of Council, where concerns regarding access for restoration of the Town Hall could be addressed.

**LICENCES:**

**The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985 – Application for transfer of entertainment licence:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lowry, seconded by Councillor Coyle that the transfer of an entertainment licence from Mr Daniel Mullan, 9 Main Street, Limavady to Willis McLaughlin & Ryan McLaughlin, T/A W & R Holdings, 74 Scroggy Road, Limavady be approved subject to no adverse comments from the PSNI. In the discussion that followed, Councillor Cubitt expressed strong reservations at the transfer of the licence. Councillor Lowry disagreed with comments made by Councillor Cubitt and asked that these be withdrawn. Councillor Cubitt responded that he was only expressing his reservations. Noted.

**Petroleum (Consolidation) Act (NI) 1929 – Annual Report on Petroleum Spirit Storage Installations:** The Chief Technical Service Officer reported that during the month of November 2004 the annual inspections of petroleum spirit storage installations within the Borough had been carried out. He said that during the year 14 installations were operational; 1 permanently closed; 2 temporarily closed; 1 re-opened after a period of temporary closure; 1 change of licensee and that 3 installations contravened Council's Conditions of Licence.

The Chief Technical Service Officer explained that two underground tanks located at Gledra Road, Feeny had been de-gassed and filled with a sand/cement slurry and were now permanently closed.

The Chief Technical Service Officer said that during the year no deliveries of petroleum spirit had been taken to the PSNI installation, based at Main Street Dungiven and that permanent closure of the underground tank was being considered. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Douglas to approve a temporary closure up to 31 December 2004 and that the PSNI would be consulted regarding a permanent closure.

**WESTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD:**

**Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held 30 September 2004 were tabled and noted.

**WESTERN EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARD:**

**Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held 8 September and 13 October 2004 were tabled and noted.

**REPORT FROM BOARD OF HOUSING EXECUTIVE:**

**Minutes:** Report from Board of Housing Executive held 27 October 2004 were tabled and noted.

**FOYLE HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST:**

**Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held 29 October and 26 November 2004 were tabled and noted.

**COURSES/CONFERENCES:**

**A Theatre of Tourism Conference organised by Clare & Antrim Borough Council:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Dolan that an officer from Council attend the Theatre of Tourism Conference to be held 28 & 29 January 2005 at the Dunadry Hotel & Country Club at a cost of £155 + accommodation.

**Acquisition of Communications Data by Public Authorities:** It was agreed on proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt, that one officer from Council attend the Acquisition of Communications Date conference to be held 9 & 10 February 2005 at The Mount Conference Centre, Belfast at a cost of £495 + VAT.

**SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:**

**Guide Association Trust Corporation:** The Deed of Conveyance between Council and Guide Association Trust Corporation were signed and sealed on the proposal of Alderman Dolan, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Christmas Tree at Dungiven:** On the request of Councillor A Brolly, the Chief Technical Service Officer agreed to straighten the Christmas tree at Dungiven which was not plumb.

**North West Region Cross Border Group:** The Chief Technical Service Officer requested that 6 members attend the next meeting of the North West Region Cross Border Group to take place on Wednesday 12 January 2005 at 10.30pm in Guildhall. It was agreed that Councillor Cubitt, Councillor Coyle, Councillor Chivers, Councillor Rankin and Alderman Carten would attend, with Councillor Mullan confirming his attendance before date of the meeting.

**Shaping the Strategy – Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy 2005-2020:** It was agreed that Councillor Rankin, Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Cubitt, Councillor Coyle and Alderman Carten would attend the Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy meeting to be held Friday 21 January 2005 in Galgorm Manor, with Councillor Douglas confirming his attendance at a later date.

**Bus Shelter – Beech Road, Drumsurn:** The Chief Technical Service Officer confirmed that a meeting had been arranged for Monday 10 January 2005 regarding the bus shelter at Beech Road, Drumsurn and that Ulster Bus, Roads Service, the PSNI and other concerned parties from Council would be in attendance.

**Tesco – Presentation:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lowry, seconded by Councillor Cubitt, that a presentation on the proposed new Tesco supermarket be held during the Environmental Services Committee meeting on 10 January 2005.

**Provision of Public Toilet - Ballykelly:** The Chief Technical Service Officer tabled costings for the provision of toilets at Ballykelly as follows:

- Interpublic Prefabricated Toilet Block – comprising 3 compartments, 2 urinals, unisex accessible + baby changing and unisex wc + baby changing costing £125,000 + VAT;
- Purpose Built Toilet Block – comprising 3 compartments, 2 urinals, male wc, 2 basins, 2 female wc, 2 basins + baby changing and unisex accessible + baby changing costing £89,250 + VAT.

The Chief Technical Service Officer suggested that whilst there was a need for public toilets in the Ballykelly region, Council needed to take into consideration that there was a convenience based at Ballykelly Service Station and at Greysteel and that both parties were willing to enter into discussion on the best way forward. Councillor Cubitt pointed out that Council would be relying on others to look after these facilities and said that Council had land in Ballykelly which was ideal for any new public convenience. Members agreed that the issue needed further investigation and a policy developed for the provision of public conveniences, which could be applied consistently. The Chief Technical Service Officer agreed to provide a draft policy on the provision of public toilets at the next meeting of Council.

**Multi-Functional Civic Centre:** The Chief Technical Service Officer said that at Council's request, PTZ Pieda had undertaken to update the business plan and economic appraisal, with a focus on community usage and planning and development of the civic space. He said that Pieda Consulting had included two options for members to consider:

1. *update the 2000 consultation exercise focusing on community survey/questionnaire of potential usage of centre facilities and additional research on the demand for use of the civic space;*
2. *as option 1, but also include 3 community workshops to include groups not originally surveyed in 2000.*

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lowry, seconded by Councillor Donaghy that Pieda Consulting would undertake 'option two' at a total cost of £12,507.

**FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation – Annual Report 2003/04
- Department of Employment and Learning - Stills Strategy for Northern Ireland (November 2004)
- Fuel Poverty in England – The Government's Plan for Action
- Resource - Investing in the future (Reform in the public sector)

**COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON:**

The Mayor conveyed his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to members and officers.

**NEXT MEETING:**

26 January 2005

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**

**(The meeting ended at 10:45 pm)**