

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
21 MAY 2013**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.20 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Environmental Services, Committee Clerk and Administration Officer.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor C McLaughlin and Councillor B Douglas.

THANKS:

On his last meeting as Chair of the Environmental Services committee, Councillor G Mullan thanked members on supporting him during his year as Chair.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 23 April 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Beattie.

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 3 – Provision of External Lighting Council Owned Building (Orchard Play Group, Ballykelly): The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that security lights with built in sensors would be erected at Orchard Play Group, Ballykelly.

Page 3 – Bus Shelter Catherine Street: The Director of Environmental Services advised that the bus shelter would be repainted when work to relocate the seats had been completed by Road Service.

Page 3 – Bins, Chapel Road, Dungiven: It was confirmed that additional bins had been ordered for Chapel Road Dungiven and would be installed upon delivery.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – MAY 2013:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued and withdrawn between 1 and 30 April 2013; Entertainment Licence issued; Property Certificates issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was

approved on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Alderman Coyle subject to the following:

Outdoor Entertainment Licence Application: The application by Supporting Charities Group for grant of an outdoor entertainment licence for a charity concert on 1 June 2013 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 Roe Park Resort 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.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Consumer Protection; Environmental Health; Food Safety; Health Safety & Wellbeing; Licensing & Regulatory; Pollution Control and Work Activity. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Chivers subject to the following:

Motor Vehicle Tyre (Safety) Regulations 1994 Part Worn Tyres: The Director of Environmental Services explained that following a test purchase exercise for compliance with the above regulations several observations were made on the sample tyre, including tyre being badly cracked on exterior sidewall due to aging, markings not immediately adjacent to the approved marking and tyre not marked with the words PART WORN. He said that following consideration of the circumstances against prosecution criteria, it was concluded that prosecution was not appropriate and it was recommended that the matter be dealt with by issue of a formal warning letter. Agreed.

Tenancy Deposit Schemes Regulations (NI) 2012: The Director of Environmental Services outlined that the Tenancy Deposit Schemes Regulations came into force on 1 April 2013 and that these made provision for tenancy deposit schemes for the purposes of the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006. He said that from 1 April the landlord must by law protect any deposit taken in connection with a private tenancy in an approved tenancy deposit scheme until the need to be repaid at the end of the tenancy and if the landlord accepts a deposit other than money, he is guilty of an offence liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £2,500. He added that a fixed penalty of up to £500 could be imposed by the local council as an alternative to court action.

It was agreed that Council would set the fixed penalty amount for the offence of accepting a deposit other than money at £500.

Food Safety Enforcement Policy: The updated Food Safety Enforcement Policy was approved by Council.

Tobacco Retailers Bill: The Director of Environmental Services advised that the Environmental Health Department had considered the above bill and had sent comments to DSD. These included a recommendation that the legislation include

wording that indicates that Test Purchase Exercise may be carried out by a local authority in the enforcement of these provisions. Welcomed.

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 Robinson, seconded by Councillor McCaul subject to the following:

Lease of Waste Transfer Station – Aghanloo: It was agreed that Council would accept proposals to extend the lease of Waste Transfer Station at Aghanloo for a further 27 months from 1 January 2013 to 31 March 2015 at the current annual rent and to sign & seal the Supplemental Lease and Counterpart.

Renault Kangoo ML20-44 Van + Battery Hire: It was agreed that Council would accept the quotation from Donnelly & Taggart Ltd for supply and delivery of 1no Renault Kangoo ML20-44 KW van and 5 year battery lease in the total sum of £20,914.60.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

National Lottery Funding Bid – Dungiven Cultural and Festival Committee: It was agreed that a letter of support would be forwarded to the Dungiven Cultural and Festival Committee on their funding bid to the National Lottery under the Culture for All Programme to hold a cross community festival in July 2013.

NEXT MEETING – 25 June 2013.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.55 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting