

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
23 APRIL 2013**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.25 pm 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, D Nicholl, G Mullan (Chair), A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES: - None.

MINUTES: The minutes of meeting dated 19 March 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS – APRIL 2013:

Building Control Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Building Control Report which detailed applications approved, acknowledged, issued, cancelled, rejected and withdrawn between 1 and 31 March 2013, Entertainment Licence issued, Property Certificates issued and Facilities Management & Energy Management Report. The report was approved on the proposal of Councillor McGlinchey, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

Outdoor Entertainment Licence Application: The application by Foreglen GAA for grant of an outdoor entertainment licence for a charity concert on 18 May 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.

Transfer of Liquor Licence: Council had no objection to the application for transfer of a liquor licence from Coral Merchants Ltd to Michael Lynch, 40 Main Street, Dungiven.

Building (Prescribed Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013: The Director of Environmental Services advised that the above revised regulations relating to fees came into effect on 8 April 2013 and this resulted in an increase in plan processing fees for a small domestic dwelling from £75 to £90 and for inspection fee from £175 to £210. Noted.

Electricity Procurement: The Director of Environmental Services outlined that the joint procurement exercise carried out last year amongst a number of Councils in Northern Ireland for the supply of electricity to Councils had been repeated this year. He said due to the short timescale for acceptance of tenders, officers evaluated the tenders received and awarded Airtricity the contract for Councils non-half hourly sites and Power NI for all half hourly sites. He added that the overall savings in comparison to last year's tender was approximately 2%. Council retrospectively approved acceptance of the tenders.

Environmental Health Department:

The Director of Environmental Services presented the Environmental Health Report which detailed information relating to Environmental Health, Health Safety & Wellbeing and Pollution Control. The report and recommendations were approved on the proposal of Councillor McCaul, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

Private Tenancy Order (NI) 2006: The Director of Environmental Services explained that the Private Tenancies Order makes provision with respect to privately rented dwelling houses in Northern Ireland to deal with certain obligations of landlords and tenants under private tenancies. These included issue of certificates of fitness and determination of rent limit. He said if the property met the fitness standard, the Council would issue a certificate of fitness, however if the Council was not satisfied that the dwelling met the fitness standard, it would issue the landlord and tenant with a notice of refusal. It was noted that under the legislation two certificates had recently been issued for properties in the Borough.

Owenbeg Sports complex: It was agreed that a Sports Safety Certificate would be issued for Owenbeg Sports Complex for a reduced maximum number of spectators of 5055. It was further agreed that the Certificate and associated provisions would be reviewed and amended once all remaining outstanding works had been completed to permit maximum capacity.

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 McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Brolly subject to the following:

Contract for the Haulage, Recycling and Processing to End Markets for Mixed Dry Recyclable Waste – Regen Waste Ltd: Members were advised that a payment of monies due to Council had been received from Regen for the period September 2012 to February 2013 which were less than what had been invoiced to them. Several comments were made on the contract and to acceptable levels of contamination by both Council and Regen Waste Ltd. It was noted that advice was being sought regarding the recovery of the remaining monies.

Quotation for Supply & Delivery of 1No Kubota L-4240 Tractor: It was agreed that quotation submitted from DA Forgie for supply and delivery of 1 Kubota L4240 Tractor in the sum of £18,500+VAT would be accepted.

Benone Golf Course: Technical Service staff were commended on work carried out at Benone Golf Course. It was suggested that some minor pieces of work

needed to be carried out at Benone, to include painting to the main building, fencing and fascia board and replacement of worn signage at the caravan parks.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Provision of External Lighting – Council Owned Building (Orchard Play Group Ballykelly): It was agreed that costings would be obtained for provision of external lighting at Orchard Play Group, Ballykelly.

Bus Shelter – Catherine Street, Limavady: It was agreed that Technical Service staff would be congratulated on the clean-up to the bus shelter at Catherine Street. The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that the shelter would be repainted to better tone in with recent improvements to the paving.

Bins – Chapel Road, Dungiven: A member requested that Council provide additional litter bins along the footpath on Chapel Road/Glenshane Road, Dungiven leading out of town to Glenshane.

NEXT MEETING – 21 May 2013.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.00 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting