

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

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
6 AUGUST 2013**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.25 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

**In the Chair:** Councillor G Mullan.

Aldermen M Coyle, J Rankin and G Robinson. Councillors O Beattie, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, C McLaughlin, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive and the Committee Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:** - Councillor D Nicholl and Councillor A Brolly.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting held 11 June 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor S McGlinchey, seconded by Councillor C McLaughlin.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Page 2 – Minutes of Special Meeting:** The Chief Executive updated members regarding the request for a meeting with the Director of Social Care and Children and informed members the meeting would be held on Monday 19 August 2013.

**Page 5 – Dungiven Sports and Community Project:** The Chief Executive updated members on the Dungiven Sports and Community Project Steering Group's decision to proceed to appointing Consultant's for the project and to utilise procurement expertise to assist. Agreed.

**Addendum - Notice of Application for an Occasional Licence:** The application by The Rising Sun Bar, Greysteel for a grant of an outdoor entertainment licence for a charity concert in Faughanvale GAA Club pitch 11 August 2013 was approved subject to there being no adverse comments from the PSNI, NIFRS or public adverts.

**MINUTES OF AGM:**

The minutes of the AGM held 3 June 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor S McGlinchey, seconded by Councillor T McCaul.

**MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of Audit Committee meeting held 13 March 2013 were approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor B Chivers.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT:**

The Chief Executive presented his report for August 2013 as follows:

**RPA Update:** The Chief Executive reported that the regulations governing the establishment of Statutory Transition Committee had now been approved by the Assembly and guidance governing the establishment of the committee had been issued. The Regulations require that the inaugural meeting of the Causeway Coast and Glens STC take place within 35 days and the four councils have agreed that this would take place on 8 August 2013 at 4.30 pm in Moyle District Council. This date was also approved by the DoE and the VTC.

The Chief Executive advised that the STC would have 20 members, 5 from each of the four councils in the cluster. He said that the guidance stipulated that elected members from the constituent Council should proportionally reflect the political composition of the existing councils immediately after the 2011 Local Government election and in order to achieve this, councils should use a recognised method of proportional representation, with any alternative arrangement being agreed by the DoE.

Councillor E Stevenson carried forward an amendment that the Sainte Laigue be the chosen methodology to allocate elected members for the STC.

The amendment was put to the meeting and declared carried, 6 for and 7 against.

Councillor B Chivers carried forward a proposal of using d'Hondt methodology to allocate members to the STC.

The proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 7 for and 6 against.

Using the d'Hondt methodology Councillor D Nicholl, Councillor J McCorkell, Councillor T McCaul, Alderman M Coyle and Councillor B Chivers were nominated to sit on the STC.

The Chief Executive outlined that the regulations governing the establishment of STC's state that Council may choose to pay by way of a Special Responsibility Allowance a sum of up to £2,700 to Councillors serving on the STC and at the last VTC it was agreed to recommend that the £2,700 be utilised as payment level across all four councils. He said that the DoE had issued a circular confirming the amount for the allowance. It was noted that the VTC had also agreed that in order to get through the workload that a workshop would be held before each STC meeting. Agreed.

**Corporate Risk Register:** The Corporate Risk Register was approved by Council.

**Annual Internal Audit Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2013:** The Chief Executive informed members that the Annual Internal Audit Report builds on the individual audit reports presented to the Audit Committee over the year and provides overall conclusion on the system of governance, risk management and internal control operating in the Council. Based on the audit work carried out, a

substantial level of assurance had been achieved in relation to Councils system of internal control.

**Equality Policy for the Provision of Goods, Facilities and Services:** The Equality Policy for the Provision of Goods, Facilities and Services was endorsed by Council.

**Section 75 Annual Progress Report:** The Section 75 Annual Progress Report was endorsed by Council.

**Date for Minister Kennedy's Visit:** The Chief Executive confirmed that Minister Kennedy's office would meet with Council on Tuesday 13 August 2013, to discuss progress on Dungiven by-pass, potential halt at Ballykelly, Gortcorbies climbing lane and closure of Seacoast Road during the month of September 2013.

**Suicide Awareness Training:** Council agreed to the Western Health and Social Services Trust holding a Suicide Awareness workshop in the Council chamber on 25 September 2013 specifically held for local MLA's Councillors and the Chief Executive.

#### **EXTERNAL MINUTES NOTED:**

Western Health & Social Care Trust – 2 May 2013.

#### **CONSULTATIONS:**

Members reviewed the consultation list for August 2013. It was agreed that the Corporate Policy Officer would draft a response on behalf of members to the following consultation:

- ✓ Proposed Salmon Conservation Regulations: *More information to be provided to members.*
- ✓ Introduction of Compulsory Testing of Bovines for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD): *Members expressed their concern regarding the expense and hassle to herd keepers and the danger of the process.*
- ✓ Private Members Bill Organ Donation: *Council supported the scheme.*
- ✓ The Future of Vehicle Registration and Licensing Services in NI: *Council strongly objected to the change in Vehicle Registration and Licensing Services in NI.*
- ✓ Review of Employment Law in NI: *More information to be provided to members.*

#### **COURSES/CONFERENCES:**

**National Association of Councillors NI Region AGM:** It was agreed that Alderman M Coyle would attend the National Association of Councillors NI on 4 October 2013 in Clandeboye Lodge Hotel, Bangor. Fee £40.

**International Suicide Prevention Conference – Building Resilience and Promoting Recovery:** It was agreed that Councillor T McCaul would attend the International Suicide Prevention Conference on 9 & 10 October 2013 in City Hotel, Derry/Londonderry: Fee £100.

**FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Department of Justice – Strategy to Improve Services for Victims & Witnesses of Crime in Northern Ireland  
<http://www.dojni.gov.uk/index/publications/publication-categories/pubs-criminal-justice.htm>
- ASDA – Investing in Northern Ireland
- Clanmil Housing – Clanmil Communique
- Utility Week, Striking Gold Special Issue on how to get value from your data
- Utility Week – Burning Vision
- Utility Week – newsletter dated 12 July 2013
- WAVE Trust – Tackling the Roots of Disadvantage, Conception to age 2, the age of opportunity
- Castlereagh Borough Council – Corporate Plan 2013-15
- CAWT – Annual Progress Report 2012
- Irish Football Association – Activity Report 2012-13
- International Fund for Ireland – Community Transformation Strategic Framework for Action 2012-15
- OFMDFM – Sustainable Development Statutory Duty, A Guide for Public Authorities
- North West Regional College – Strategic Plan 2013/16
- Heritage Lottery Fund – New Ideas Need Old Buildings
- Housing Executive – Rural Action Plan 2013-15
- Housing Executive – Review & Perspectives 2013-2016
- Translink – Annual Review 2012/13
- DVLNI – Future Arrangements for consultation on applications for a Road Service Licence and Applications for the addition of Regulated Services.  
<http://www.dvlin.gov.uk>
- Housing Executive – NI House Condition Survey Report 2011
- The Consumer Council – Power to Switch

**SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:** - None.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** -

**Closure of McCloskey & O’Kane and its subsidiary company, Limavady Building Supplies:** Members expressed their concern at the recent news of the closure of Limavady Building Supplies. It was agreed that a letter be written to the Administrators expressing concerns and showing support and providing help in any way possible.

**Benone Beach:** A discussion took place between members regarding the issues at Benone Beach, the points discussed:

- Stronger enforcement on littering
- Traffic control
- Placement of bins and/or signs
- Ban on alcohol consumption
- Possibility of purchasing a Quad between LBC & PSNI
- Dog fouling

It was agreed that the Chief Executive organise a meeting with relevant officers to discuss problems and solutions on Benone Beach.

**Marie Curie Cancer Care:** Alderman Coyle asked members for their support as he prepares to get his hair cut in mid-October with all proceeds going to Marie Curie Cancer.

**Oughtymoyle Flowerbeds:** Mayor Councillor G Mullan asked the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of having the Flowerbeds in Oughtymoyle alike the display in Bellerena.

**NEXT MEETING:** - 3 September 2013.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.25 PM**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Meeting