

AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

Monthly Meeting held on 18th November 2013

2. **MINUTES – For Information**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

- CPG 08/11/2013
- CPG Budget Meeting 26/11/2013
- Dundalk/North Louth JPC 09/09/2013
- Drogheda/South Louth JPC 16/09/2013
- Ardee/Mid Louth JPC 18/09/2013
- Mid Louth Area Meeting 07/11/2013
- North Louth Area Meeting 06/11/2013
- South Louth Area Meeting 04/11/2013

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- CPG
- Transportation SPC

4. **TO CONSIDER THE COUNTY MANAGERS REPORT DATED 2nd DECEMBER 2013 IN RESPECT OF UPGRADE WORKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT ARDEE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, ARDEE, COUNTY LOUTH - FOR APPROVAL BY RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 179 (4) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AS AMENDED AND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001-2006**

To be dealt with by Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services

(Enclosed/Iniata)

5. **TO CONSIDER THE COUNTY MANAGERS REPORT DATED 2nd DECEMBER 2013 IN RESPECT OF UPGRADE WORKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT GREENMOUNT WATER TREATMENT PLANT, GREENMOUNT, CASTLEBELLINGHAM, COUNTY LOUTH - FOR APPROVAL BY RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 179 (4) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AS AMENDED AND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001-2006**

To be dealt with by Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services
(Enclosed/Iniata)

6. **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATMENT 2012 – AUDITORS REPORT** (Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Ms. B. Woods, Head of Finance

7. **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED SECOND REVIEW OF LOUTH COUNTY COUNCILS ROAD TRAFFIC SPEED LIMITS, COUNTY OF LOUTH BY-LAWS 2009**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

8. To be dealt with by Ms. J. Martin, Director of Services

9. **APPROVAL TO ADVANCE A LOAN OF UP TO 261,400 FOR THE PROVISION OF 1 UNIT (6 BEDROOMS) OF ACCOMMODATION AT 63 ARD NA MARA, BLACKROCK, DUNDALK, COUNTY LOUTH UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

To be dealt with by Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services

10. **APPROVAL TO ADVANCE A LOAN OF UP TO 256,400 FOR THE PROVISION OF 1 UNIT (5 BEDROOMS) OF ACCOMMODATION AT SHANLIS, ARDEE, COUNTY LOUTH UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

To be dealt with by Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services

11. **LOUTH COMHAIRLE NA NOG – PRESENTATION ON 2 YEAR PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES 2011-2012**

To be dealt with by Mr. P. Donnelly, Senior Executive Officer

12. **TRANSPORTATION & MARINE PROGRESS REPORT** (Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Ms. J. Martin, Director of Services

13. **PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT** (Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Mr. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer

14. **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT** (Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services

15. **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Mr. F. Pentony, Director of Services

16. **LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES QUARTERLY REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Ms. B. Woods, Head of Finance

17. **ARTS QUARTERLY REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Ms. B. Woods, Head of Finance

18. **CONFERENCES / EVENTS**

To approve members' attendance at the enclosed conferences endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 6th December 2013.

To be dealt with by Mr. P. Donnelly, Senior Executive Officer

19. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(i) Cllr. F. Godfrey

That Louth County Council Environment Dept remove all illegally erected "cash for cars" advertising signs on traffic lights and other locations in the County
How many prosecutions has the Council taken against illegal advertisers under the Litter Pollution Act over the past three years?

Reply

It is the policy of Louth local Authorities to have all unauthorised signs on public roadways (including cash for cars signs) removed. Where the owners of signs cannot be identified the Council arranges removal of the signs. Details of prosecution actions against unauthorised advertisers over the past 3 years are as follows:-

Year	Court Prosecutions	Out of Court Settlements	Total Cases
2011	3	14	17
2012	10	7	17
2013 (to Date)	3	10	13

(ii) Cllr. F. Godfrey

That Louth County Council adopts a policy that there be no further wind turbines erected in the County of Louth in the interest of public health, and also as they are so unsightly.

Does Louth County Council have a policy on wind turbines?

Reply

The policy on renewable energy, including wind turbines is included in the County Development Plan 2009 -2015 which can only be amended by a formal variation. The review of the plan has recently commenced.

Section 9.6 of the Louth County Development Plan 2009-2015 deals with Renewable Energy and therein, specifically under Section 9.6.1, the issue of Wind Energy is addressed. Contained within the Development Plan are three stated policies, in relation to Wind Energy which are as follows:

EN 12: To promote the location of wind farms and wind energy infrastructure in the 'preferred areas' as outlined in Map 9.1 to prohibit such infrastructure in the areas identified as 'no go areas' and to consider, subject to appropriate assessment, the location of wind generating infrastructure in areas 'open for consideration'.

EN 13: To facilitate the development of wind energy sources where proposals are consistent with the landscape preservation objectives of the Plan, the protection of the natural and built environment and the visual and residential amenities of the area.

EN 14: To require all wind farm developments to comply with the Wind Energy Development Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

(iii) Cllr. P. Bell

“That this Council endorses the principle of the right to water and sanitation as a fundamental core value within Irish society and this should be reflected as a central pillar in national water policy. As citizens of the EU we believe in the right of all inhabitants to enjoy this right and we oppose any attempt to include water in legislation aimed at market liberalisation. This Council supports the call for the full national political commitment to ensuring that water and sanitation are publicly owned, democratically run and that all in the sector are fully accountable”.

Reply

This is a matter for the members

(iv) Cllr. T. Byrne

'That the Minister for the Environment and Local Government Mr. Phil Hogan T.D. bring forward proposals for Management Companies in Residential Housing Estates, in light of the introduction of the Local Property Tax'.

Reply

This is a matter for the members

(v) Cllr. P. Smith

"That LCC implement a system similar to the one in Dublin City Council, your Dublin your voice. LCC want to hear from anyone over 18 that lives, works, visits or studies in the Louth region to tell us what you really think about the County region and to shape its future direction."

Reply

Louth County Council will, as resources permit, investigate the Dublin City Council system of public engagement with a view to encouraging and facilitating such consultation with those who work, visit and study in the County.

(vi) Cllr. M. Murnaghan

"I am calling on Louth County Council to install public lighting and speed ramps at St. Laurences national school in Omeath. I am making this call on foot of an NRA report that recommends the installation of public lighting before installing speed ramps."

Reply

As part of the Greenway project traffic calming measures are being implemented including signage, line marking and solar powered vehicle actuated speed warning signs on the approaches to the road section of the Greenway in Omeath. This will also benefit the school as it is located on this route. A speed survey will be carried post construction to determine how effective these measures have been. Additional measures will then be considered including the possibility of solar powered lighting and speed ramps if necessary.

(vii) Cllr. C. Markey

That this council support the IFA campaign for 50/50 national exchequer co-funding for pillar two of the Common Agricultural Policy, and call on the government to provide the necessary funding in order to sustain the Agricultural Industry and Rural Communities

Reply

This is a matter for the members

20. NOTICES OF QUESTION

(i) Cllr. M. O'Dowd

What strategy and plans are in place to ensure that Burton Hall Tullyallen does not have a repeat flooding incident as happened earlier this year and in particular what plans are in place to deal with the run off from the main road into the estate?

Reply:

The flooding incident that occurred at Burton Hall housing estate was caused by a blockage at the mouth of the culverted section of the stream that flows through the estate. Runoff from the estate itself and from the adjoining local primary road was not a significant contributory factor. As well as draining the developed areas of Tullyallen the stream drains a significant rural catchment resulting in vegetation and other debris being washed down in flood conditions. The strategy adopted to deal with this is to carry out regular checks on the culvert so as not to allow the build up of debris. The feasibility of providing an emergency overland flood route to bypass the section of culvert in the event of it becoming blocked will also be investigated. A level survey will need to be carried out to assess this.

(ii) Cllr. P. McGeough

What efforts have Louth County Council made to force the Developer to provide proper fencing at the so called 2nd Phase of Oriel Heights in Collon in order to prevent this dangerous site from being used for Anti Social Activities

There are a number of unresolved issues in Phase 1 of the Oriel Heights Development could an update on progress to date to resolve these matters be provided.

Reply

Oriel Heights is listed as an unfinished housing development on the Department of Environment, Community and Local Governments National Housing Survey. It has been assessed as a category 3 unfinished development by Louth Co Council. The unfinished part of the development is fenced off with light weld-mesh steel fencing which is designed for and only suitable to short-term use. The developer has been requested to submit a site resolution plan and to date has not done so. No legislative powers have been given to the Councils to enforce the submission of a site resolution. The developer has responded to 3 requests to date, to repair

breaches in the fencing, but has not improved the quality or standard of fencing to one suited for long term use.

In relation to the occupied part of the development, the Council has received a request for taking in charge on behalf of the house owners. Roads Section are currently organising a plebiscite under the provisions of Section 180 (2) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) in order to proceed with the taking in charge process. Provision is made under Section 180 (2) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) to permit the Council to utilise any cash security or bond to bring the development up to a condition suitable for taking in charge. Roads Section has been advised of the requirement to implement satisfactory long term security measures to isolate the unfinished part of the development from the occupied part in the interests of public safety. It is anticipated that such works will be included in the scheme of works that will be carried out to render the development suitable for taking in charge in a similar manner to those works currently being carried out by Planning Enforcement Section to the Woodlands / Rivervale Estate in Dunleer.

21. NOTICES OF MOTION FROM OTHER COUNCILS

• Monaghan Town Council	Sept Agenda
• Monaghan County Council	Sept Agenda
• Carrickmacross Town Council	Sept Agenda
• Waterford City Council	Sept Agenda
• Offaly County Council x 2	Sept Agenda
• Limerick City & County Council	Sept Agenda
• Dundalk Town Council	Sept Agenda
• Clones Town Council	Sept Agenda
• Limerick City & County Council	Oct Agenda
• Ennis Town Council	Oct Agenda
• Leitrim County Council	Oct Agenda
• Cavan County council	Nov Agenda
• Kildare County Council	Nov Agenda
• Offaly County Council	27/11/2013
• Clare County Council	13/11/2013
• Waterford City Council	21/11/2013

22. CORRESPONDENCE

• Office of an Taoiseach x 2	Sept Agenda
• Office of the Tánaiste	Sept Agenda
• Department of Health x 5	Sept Agenda
• Dept Of Education & Skills	Sept Agenda

DECEMBER 2013

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| • Dept Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation | Sept Agenda |
| • Dept Justice, Equality & Defence | Sept Agenda |
| • Border Regional Authority | Sept Agenda |
| • Dept of Social & Family Affairs | Sept Agenda |
| • Dept of Education (N. Ireland) | Sept Agenda |
| • Dept of Health x 2 | Oct Agenda |
| • Minister for Health & Social Services N.I. | Oct Agenda |
| • Border Regional Authority | Oct Agenda |
| • Mobile Library Service – Revised Routes | Oct |
| • Minister for Environment, Community & L.G. | Nov Agenda |
| • Director of Public Prosecutions | 20/11/2013 |
| • Department of Health | 19/11/2013 |
| | 15/11/2013 |

23. COUNTY MANAGER'S REGISTER

The County Manager will submit the Order Register to-date.