

AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Monthly Meeting held on 21st January 2013

(Enclosed/Iniata)

2. **MINUTES – For Information**

- CPG
- Mid Louth Area Meeting
- South Louth Area Meeting
- North Louth Area Meeting

(Enclosed/Iniata)

11/01/2013

10/01/2013

07/01/2013

09/01/2013

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- CPG
- Economic Development & Future Planning

4. **SECTION 183 NOTICE**

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT 20 THE CLOISTERS, COLLON, COUNTY LOUTH

That the members consider the Section 183 Notice as circulated on 1st February 2013 and confirm the transfer of said lands.

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

5. **TO CONSIDER THE COUNTY MANAGERS REPORT DATED 7th JANUARY 2013 IN RESPECT OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE OMEATH TO GREER'S QUAY GREENWAY SCHEME - 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. F. Pentony, Director of Services

6. **PRESENTATION ON CROSS BORDER DRIVING CHANGE PROJECT – Mr. Finian Joyce, Chief Fire Officer Leitrim County Council**

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7. **TRANSPORTATION & MARINE PROGRESS REPORT** (Enclosed/Iniata)
To be dealt with by Mr. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer
8. **PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT** (Enclosed/Iniata)
To be dealt with by Mr. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer
9. **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT** (Enclosed/Iniata)
To be dealt with by Mr. J. McGuinness Director of Services
10. **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT** (Enclosed/Iniata)
To be dealt with by Mr. F. Pentony, Director of Services
11. **LIBRARY & ARCHIVES QUARTERLY REPORT** (Enclosed/Iniata)
To be dealt with by Ms. B. Woods, Head of Finance
12. **ARTS QUARTERLY REPORT** (Enclosed/Iniata)
To be dealt with by Ms. B. Woods, Head of Finance
13. **ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS COMMUNITY GRANTS** (Enclosed/Iniata)
To be dealt with by Mr. P. Donnelly, Senior Executive Officer
14. **CONFERENCES / EVENTS**
To approve members' attendance at the enclosed conferences endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 8th February 2013
To be dealt with by Mr. P. Donnelly, Senior Executive Officer
15. **NOTICES OF MOTION**
- (i) Cllr. D. Breathnach**
- Where a 'cul-de-sac' is created as a result of road improvements that adequate lighting be provided to ensure residents are not isolated or impacted upon as a result of the creation of this 'cul-de-sac'

Reply

On average, each public light costs €115 per year for power and maintenance alone, and Louth County Council will spend up to €722,000 this year on public lighting alone. Energy costs have doubled since 2010. Therefore any proposal to erect public lighting must be critically examined on a case by case basis to determine if funding is available and if the council can afford to maintain the light into the future.

(ii) Cllr. D. Breathnach (see attached background information sheet)

That Louth County Council express the urgency of the O.P.W. Engineers Report on the recorded monument LH006-06002 (National Monument No. 526) and request that action be taken to redress deterioration of the souterrain at this site at Donaghmore, Kilkerry (see attached correspondence)

Reply

Louth has one of the highest concentrations of souterrains in the country. They are artificial underground shelters (known colloquially as ‘caves’) and were probably used to hide during attacks by slavers. They tend to be concentrated on tribal boundaries, so I don’t know if the slavers were Irish or Viking.

The Donaghmore souterrain is unusual in that it is a national monument (one of 23 formally listed ones in Louth). As such it is in the direct care, ownership or guardianship of the Minister and the Office of Public Works and therefore responsibility for its management, conservation and any access arrangements that they choose to put in place lies with the OPW. Staff from our Heritage Section will discuss the matter with the OPW.

(iii) Cllr. F. Godfrey

That Louth County Council in the interest of public safety install traffic calming measures at Tullyallen National School, a safety rail to prevent children running out on road, a pedestrian crossing is needed with flashing lights, bollards to stop cars double parking on footpaths on both sides of the road, as this causes obstruction and reduces visibility for Children, there is an accident waiting to happen, parking facilities will have to be found for the hundreds of cars congregating at the school.

Reply

Louth County Council has been made aware of concerns in relation to road safety matters at this school. The Council has consulted with stakeholders and is currently identifying measures that could be implemented within the tight budgetary constraints of this year's budget. The only identified source of funding within the current budget is the 'Local Contribution Scheme', under which €10,000 has been allocated to the South Louth Area. Any expenditure under this heading is contingent on the school authorities or the parents association providing matching funding for any works proposed. The Council intends to pursue the matter further with the relevant stakeholders and to bring a progress report to the next area meeting.

(iv) Cllr. F. Godfrey

That Louth County Council carry out an assessment of safety measures at the junction of Hackett's Cross, Clogherhead in the interest of public safety, and a compulsory order be placed on the dangerous & derelict Old Ferrard Building which has been unattended for over 20 years and an eyesore in front of St. Michael's Church

Reply

The Council will carry out an assessment of this junction to identify any further measures that may be warranted. This assessment will consider matters including sightlines and the safety record of the junction. There is no provision however in this year's budget for any works here nor are there any plans to acquire lands here.

(v) Cllr. P. Smith

Calling on this council to integrate into the County Development Plan the promotion of renewable energy and sustainable communities as a specific policy of Louth County Council.

Reply

Louth County Council fully appreciates that the development of renewable energy sources will assist in the provision of a secure and stable energy supply for the long term and will help Ireland to meet its EU targets for renewable energy. As such the Louth County Development Plan 2009-2015 supports the principles of renewable energy. It include policies which encourage , promote and facilitate the development of renewable resources including wind , solar, ground heat source, biomass, tidal and wave; seek to co-operate with the appropriate authorities' in the provision of renewable energy. In addition policies EN 10 and RES 11 require that all new buildings

demonstrate that at least 25% of their energy requirements are from renewable sources.

In addition, Louth Local Authorities have commenced the preparation of a Renewable Energy Strategy for County Louth. A notice to this effect will appear in newspapers circulating throughout the County on Wednesday 6th February. As part of the pre-draft public consultation process, submissions are invited from members of the public and other stakeholders on issues to be addressed and incorporated into the renewable energy strategy for County Louth. An 'Issues Paper' which identifies renewable energy issues which the strategy could address has been prepared to assist public consultation and comment and has been circulated to elected members.

(vi) Cllr. M. O' Dowd

Louth County Council calls on the Government to appoint a Jobs Czar to coordinate job creation activities in the Public, Private and Third Sector and to encourage and incentivise innovative thinking in creating jobs.

Reply

This is a matter for the members

16. NOTICE OF QUESTION

(i) Cllr. C. Markey & Cllr. F. McCoy

Can Louth County Council provide an up to date independent valuation for all the remaining sections of the council owned land at the back of Scoil Bhride Dunleer?

Reply

There are no plans to undertake a valuation for these lands, nor proposals to develop these lands. The council is always open to negotiate with the Dept of Education and Skills with regards to their needs.

(ii) Cllr. C. Markey & Cllr. F. McCoy

Can LCC also provide current proposals for the use of the various sections of the land, with particular reference to the area designated as community facilities in the local area plan, in light of the significant safety issues at Scoil Bhride caused by lack of car parking, set down area and playing area at the school?

Reply

There are no current proposals to develop these lands.

(ii) Cllr. P. Smith

How much money is owed to Louth County Council in development levies from builders who are now in NAMA. Is it possible to identify suitable properties constructed by these builders's that could be used for social housing purposes?

Reply

NAMA do not release details of developers who have entered the NAMA process. Therefore we are unable to provide an answer to this particular Notice of Question.

17. NOTICES OF MOTION FROM OTHER COUNCILS

- Ennis Town Council 25/1/2013
- Nth Tipperary County Council 30/1/2013

18. CORRESPONDENCE

- The Gathering 2013 – Event Funding Allocations

19. COUNTY MANAGER'S REGISTER

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