

AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

Monthly Meeting held on 17th December 2012
Budget Meeting held on 17th December 2012

2. **MINUTES – For Information**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

- CPG 07/12/2012
- Mid Louth Area Meeting 06/12/2012
- South Louth Area Meeting 03/12/2012
- North Louth Area Meeting 05/12/2012

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- CPG
- Economic Development & Future Planning

4. **SECTION 183 NOTICE**

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT 11 PAPAL DRIVE, COLLON COUNTY LOUTH

That the members consider the Section 183 Notice as circulated on 21st December 2012 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. **REVIEW OF THE PLAN PREPARED UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE FIRE SERVICES ACT, 1981 WHICH OUTLINES THE PROVISIONS OF THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PROVIDED BY LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

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. **FIRE SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT OCT – DEC 2012** (Enclosed/Iniata)
To be dealt with by Mr. J. McGuinness Director of Services

12. **CONFERENCES / EVENTS**
To approve members' attendance at the enclosed conferences endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 11th January 2013
To be dealt with by Mr. P. Donnelly, Senior Executive Officer

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(i) Cllr. E. Corrigan

That Louth County Council calls on the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairi Quinn to take action to reduce the costs of education to students and their families. We are facing high levels of unemployment and emigration due to the economics of this country, inability to afford an education will soon add to these ever increasing figures. The Overwhelming costs of third level education need to be reduced and maintenance grant supports need to be increased.

Reply

This is a matter for the members

(ii) Cllr. D. Breathnach

That Louth County Council review and report on the spelling of locations and place names within the county with a view to correcting and or confirming which are the correct spelling of such locations. Where possible that signage be corrected or amended accordingly”.

The following illustrates the confusion:-

Kilcurley/Kilkerley
Tallonstown/Talllanstown
Forkhill/Forcill

Reply

Louth County Council uses the Placenames Commission for the spelling of towns, villages and townlands. The Ordnance Survey Ireland uses the same spellings as the Placenames Commission and in this way; those seeking a specific destination can follow a consistent spelling on the map and through road signage to reach their destination. Similarly, for those using satnavs, consistency in naming is critical.

Where an error is identified and brought to the attention of the Council we will address the issue and the error corrected.

With regard to the placenames raised, the following are the correct spellings, taken from the ordnance survey maps.

Kilcurly, Forkill, and Tallanstown.

14. NOTICE OF QUESTION

(i) Cllr. P. McGeough

"How many of Louth County Councils houses have Dual Heating Systems in place?"

Reply

Ninety five social housing units of Louth County Council are currently equipped with Dual Heating Systems, i.e. having either an Oil fired or Gas fired primary central heating system with a backboiler additional/alternative heating system

(ii) Cllr. F. Godfrey

“Are the 6,232 vacant dwellings in County Louth included in the rate of registration for the household charge? The last rate quoted was 53%, but if this only takes into account the 43,897 occupied houses in the County then the registration rate could be far lower, and some vacant dwelling may be entitled to a wavier of €100 fee, but all houses must be registered under the legislation.

Reply

As of 9th of November 23,899 have registered and paid the household charge and 934 have registered for Waivers giving a total of 24,833 which is equal to 60.31%. The total estimate of number of households liable for the household charge in Louth is 41,176 and this figure has been determined based on the 2011 Census. The 41,176 is based on the total number of households in Louth (including the 6,232 vacant dwellings) and reducing this figure by the number of Local Authority, Voluntary and Co-operative households as these are exempt under the legislation.

(iii) Cllr. I. Munster

Can the council in the interest of transparency answer each of the following questions individually in relation to Aston Village and Termon Abbey?

- (a) Will the council furnish elected members with all written correspondence to and from the CIF and or receivers since October 2011 in relation to the paper bond for the taking in charge of Aston Village and the cash bond in relation to the taking in charge of Termon Abbey?
- (b) Has the receiver agreed to release 100% of the cash bond for Termon Abbey to carry out the works required for both Termon Abbey and Aston Village, and if so has the council secured this agreement in writing from the receivers?
- (c) Both of the residents associations have repeatedly requested to be furnished with a copy of the council engineers snag list along with a final costed copy of the receivers agreed snag list, and will the council furnish the residents with same at the next follow up meeting scheduled?

Reply

- (a) Any relevant files are available for the members to inspect in accordance with current legislation.***
- (b) No such written agreement has been entered into with the receiver in respect of the bond for Termon Abbey. However, the receiver did***

agree verbally to adhere to the agreement made by Manor Park to allow the cash bond be used for work on both estates.

- (c) The Council at the last area meeting updated the members on the taking in charge of Termon Abbey and Aston Village. Snag lists and specialist reports carried out on the roads and drainage system were furnished and discussed. Prior to this meeting the Council had met with the resident's associations and furnished them with up to date details on the snag lists and compliance issues. It was agreed to have a follow on meeting with the residents. No cost estimates have yet been done but there is no objection to furnishing this information when it becomes available.**

(iv) Cllr. P. Smith

Will Louth County Council commit to holding a plebiscite under the provisions of section 180 (2) of the planning and development act 2000-2012 in the Spires housing estate in Termonfeckin with a view to having the the estate in charge. The builder Lavelle & McAlinden has gone into bankruptcy in Northern Ireland and is not in a position to request the taking in charge process to be initiated. The estate is currently without the provision of a significant number of working public lights and this may have health and safety implications for the residents.

Reply

The Council will, on receipt of an application from residents in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, agree to the holding a plebiscite of all house owners in the Spires, Termonfeckin, with a view to taking the estate in charge. The Council has asked Airtricity to survey the public lighting system to establish what works are necessary to bring the lights to a satisfactory standard.

(v) Cllr. J. Loughran

"What groups and organisations have been granted The Gathering funding through Louth Local Authorities?"

Reply

"The allocation of Gathering 2013 Funding is still under consideration and information on all allocations should be available in about 2-3 weeks time".

15. NOTICES OF MOTION FROM OTHER COUNCILS

- Monaghan County Council 19/11/12 (Dec Agenda)
- Dundalk Town Council 13/12/12
- Leitrim County Council 17/10/2012 (Nov Agenda)
- Monaghan Town Council 17/12/12
- Laois County Council 31/12/12

16. CORRESPONDENCE

- Border Regional Authority 05/11/2012 (Nov Agenda)
- Minister for Social & Family Affairs 05/11/2012 “
- Shadowing Projects “
- Peoples Panel “
- Environment, Community & Local Gov. 14/11/12 (Dec Agenda)
- Drogheda & District Chamber of Commerce 30/11/12 “
- Down District Council 06/12/12 “
- Sports Capital Programme – Successful
Projects in County Louth 04/12/12 “
- Meath County Council & NRA 21/12/12

17. COUNTY MANAGER'S REGISTER

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