

**AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE**

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

Annual General Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Monthly Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013

2. **MINUTES – For Information**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

- CPG 06/06/2013
- Economic Development & Forward Planning SPC 09/05/2013
- North Louth Area Committee 05/06/2013
- South Louth Area Committee 10/06/2013

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- CPG
- Economic Development & Forward Planning SPC

4. **TO CONSIDER THE COUNTY MANAGERS REPORT DATED 1<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2013 IN RESPECT OF DEVELOPMENT OF PLAYGROUND AT FR. FINN PARK, LOUTH VILLAGE - 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 RECOMMENDATION OF LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION TO APPOINT MS. PHILOMENA POOLE AS LOUTH COUNTY MANAGER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 145 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001**

6. **DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS IN DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS THE LOAKERS, BLACKROCK CO. LOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 11 ROADS ACT 1993, SECTION 180 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000**

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

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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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. **FINANCE QUARTERLY REPORT** (Enclosed/Iniata)  
To be dealt with by Ms B. Woods, Head of Finance
12. **FIRE SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT** (Enclosed/Iniata)  
To be dealt with by Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services
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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2013.  
To be dealt with by Mr. P. Donnelly, Senior Executive Officer
15. **NOTICES OF MOTION**
- (i) Cllr. T. Sharkey**
- "In light of the fact that St Francis National School's new building is due to open in Blackrock in the coming months and that Gort na Mara, Seafield Road is due to be occupied by residents, that Louth County Council proceeds with the design and installation of a pedestrian footpath from the Seafield Rd / Dublin Road junction to Sandy Lane in Blackrock."

**Reply**

***Approval to allocate funding for this footpath out of the additional Restoration Improvement Grant, notified to the Council in June, was submitted to the Department on 27<sup>th</sup> June.***

**(ii) Cllr. I. Munster**

"Calling on the council to facilitate the Clogherhead Coast Guard in providing a piece of land between the Red Sail Fish Factory and the Inner Dock in Clogherhead (which was previously occupied by the Neptune Adventure centre) to allow them to erect a portal cabin to operate and continue their life saving work".

**Reply**

***While we have no proposal to dispose with this area of land, we will be happy to meet with the Coast Guard Authorities to discuss their requirements.***

**(iii) Cllr. E. Corrigan**

"That this Council calls on the Government to give official recognition to Irish Sign Language which would improve the lives and well being of our deaf and hard of hearing citizens"

**Reply**

***This is a matter for the members***

**(iv) Cllr. P. Smith**

"That this Council calls for the reintroduction of the ban on the below cost selling of alcohol as an interim measure to address alcohol misuse, especially among younger people, and notify Minister Bruton of the decision".

**Reply**

***This is a matter for the members***

**(v) Cllr. M. O'Dowd**

This Council calls on the Government to create and implement a regional jobs strategy combining funding agencies, third level institutions, industry and trade unions with a particular emphasis on opportunities for young people.

**Reply**

***This is a matter for the members***

**(vi) Cllr. E. Corrigan**

"That this Council calls on the government to release in full the Walsh Report into Symphisiotomy and to proceed with the process of redress for the victims of this procedure. The victims are elderly and have suffered long years of pain as a result of Symphisiotomy and also delays in the publication of the report."

**Reply**

***This is a matter for the members***

**(vii) Cllr. F. Godfrey**

That Louth County Council identifies all the quarries in county Louth – in use and disused – and ensures that the owners make them safe. Louth County Council should make clear their policy regarding the future of quarries after their working lifetime. Despite being in private ownership, as the Planning Authority, Louth County Council should ensure that old quarries are made safe, filled in, landscaped and the area returned to its original condition.

**Reply**

***Louth County Council has identified a total of 46 quarries in the County, and this figure includes those that are in operation and those that have ceased operation. The safety of a quarry is the responsibility of the owner/operator. Many of the older quarries that have ceased operation are beyond the enforcement powers of the Council. In recent years the conditions attached to planning permissions for quarries require that they be reinstated at the end of their useful life.***

**(viii) Cllr. F. Godfrey**

That Louth County Council investigates and monitors the removal and disposal of millions of tones of sand from the mouth of the Boyne River by Drogheda Port Company under licence.

Is there a timescale on the licence? When is it up for renewal?

Townspeople in Drogheda are concerned by frequent dustings of sand and dust on cars and houses.

Can Louth County Council confirm who monitors the effects of airborne sand and dust during removal and storage on the Quayside?

Can Louth County Council provide readings from the past five years?

**Reply**

***Drogheda Port Company are operating under a Licence/Permit issued by the Department of Communications Marine & Natural Resources. Louth County Council has no role in the issuing and or monitoring of the conditions of such a licence/permit. The monitoring of air conditions is a matter for the Environmental Protection Agency and again Louth County Council do not have a role in regard to same.***

16. **NOTICES OF QUESTION**

**(i) Cllr. I. Munster**

Will this council carry out renovation works to the public toilets at Port Oriel, The Harbour Clogherhead?

**Reply**

***There is no provision in this year's budget to carry out any major renovation works. Please note that these toilets were painted last year. Minimum works to improve the facility will be carried out as soon as possible.***

**(ii) Cllr. J. Loughran**

"In relation to an outstanding request from myself 3 years ago for details of property purchased by Louth County Council, when will the full report be made available?"

**Reply**

***Substantial amounts of information have already been given. Further discussion will be had with Cllr. Loughran to determine what is now outstanding.***

**(iii) Cllr. T. Sharkey**

"In relation to the purchase of a property at Tullagee which Louth County Council purchased in 2011:

- A. How many engineering studies were carried out by LLA staff?
- B. How many engineering reports were written by LLA staff?
- C. How many engineering studies and reports were carried out by an outside consultant on behalf Louth Local Authorities?
- D. Who carried out the valuation for Louth County Council?
- E. When did Louth County Council become aware of this house being available for purchase?

"In relation to the purchase of a property in 32 The Beeches, Clogherhead which Louth County Council purchased in 2011:

- A. How many engineering studies were carried out by LLA staff?
- B. How many engineering reports were written by LLA staff?
- C. How many engineering studies and reports were carried out by an outside consultant on behalf Louth Local Authorities?
- D. Who carried out the valuation for Louth County Council?
- E. When did Louth County Council become aware of this house being available for purchase?

**Reply**

**The purchase of both of these houses, amongst others, was initiated in the latter part of 2010 following an allocation for capital acquisitions by the Department of the Environment in June 2010. As a result of this allocation, Louth County Council placed an advert in the local newspapers requesting expressions of interest from possible vendors on 16th July 2010. Auctioneers were also contacted.**

**It is our policy that the Vendor provides a BER certificate and Certificates of Compliance with planning and building regulations. Independent market valuations are obtained to assist the negotiation process. All units are “snagged” by Council technical staff as part of the same process.**

- A. For both houses, the above protocols were applied.**
- B. For both houses, the above protocols were applied.**
- C. Aside from BER assessments, in the case of the house at Tullagee, the vendor additionally supplied a 2008 dated condition survey carried out for Bank of Ireland on the property and a 1998 certificate for treatment of timbers in the house**
- D. The market valuation details are provided in the table below**

<b>32 The Beeches</b>	<b>Tullagee</b>
<b>1. John Little, Property Partners (€160,000)</b>	<b>1. Gunne Property 26/11/10 (€130,000) 2. Gallagher Property Consultants 01/12/10 (€150,000) 3. John Little Property Partners 26/11/2010 (€140,000)</b>

- E. The purchase of the two houses in question was initiated in the final quarter of 2010 following LCCs drive to identify houses that met identified demand as part of this 2010 acquisitions programme.**
- F. The purchase of the house at Tullagee was closed in December 2010. The purchase of the house at the Beeches, Clogherhead was closed in early 2011.**

**17. NOTICES OF MOTION FROM OTHER COUNCILS**

- Monaghan Town Council 14/06/2013
- Monaghan County Council 18/06/2013
- Wexford Borough Council 20/06/2013
- Leitrim County Council 21/06/2013
- Dundalk Town Council 24/06/2013
- Dundalk Town Council 24/06/2013

**18. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Challenge of Change 02/07/2013
- Environment Community & Local Government 03/07/2013
- Letter to Mr. James Reilly TD 28/05/2013

**19. COUNTY MANAGER'S REGISTER**

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