

AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

Monthly Meeting held on 20th May 2013

2. **MINUTES – For Information**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

- CPG 03/05/2013
- North Louth Area Committee 08/05/2013
- South Louth Area Committee 13/05/2013
- Economic Development & Forward Planning SPC 11/04/2013
- Housing, Social & Community Planning SPC 25/03/2013
- Transportation & Cross Border Matters SPC 26/02/2013

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- CPG
- Housing SPC
- Transportation

4. **TO CONSIDER THE COUNTY MANAGERS REPORT DATED 24th APRIL 2013 IN RESPECT OF SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT VARIATION NO. 2 OF THE DUNDALK & ENVIRONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009 – 2015 - AISLING PARK PILOT 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

(Enclosed/Iniata)

5. **THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

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

(Enclosed/Iniata)

6. **GRANTS PROVIDED TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 66 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 – FOR ADOPTION**

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

(Enclosed/Iniata)

7. **“BOOMERANG” YOUTH CAFÉ PROJECT – PRESENTATION BY MS. CATHERINE CULLIGAN – CO-ORDINATOR**

8. **TRANSPORTATION & MARINE PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

9. **PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

10. **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

11. **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

12. **FIRE SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT**

(MAY AGENDA)

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

13. **LIBRARY & ARCHIVES QUARTERLY REPORT**

(MAY AGENDA)

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

14. **ARTS QUARTERLY REPORT**

(MAY AGENDA)

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

15. **ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS COMMUNITY GRANTS**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

16. **CONFERENCES / EVENTS**

To approve members' attendance at the enclosed conferences endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 7th June 2013.

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

17. NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Cllr. P. Smith

Calling on Louth County Council to co-ordinate with Dundalk Town Council, Ardee town Council and Drogheda borough Council an application for the town's of Drogheda, Dundalk and Ardee to participate in the town and city revival competition currently being run by Retail Excellence Ireland (REI), and further that this council will investigate the feasibility of introducing a targeted rates reduction scheme for businesses in town centres".

Reply

Consideration is currently being given to entering the Retail Excellence Ireland competition.

Rates are set at the Annual Budget Meeting of each Local Authority and cannot therefore be considered again until the 2014 Budgets are being adopted. Councillors are reminded that the Business Incentive Schemes continue to operate in Dundalk and Drogheda Town Centres.

(ii) Cllr. J. Loughran

"That Louth Local Authorities, in partnership with the IFA, facilitate the cutting of silage or hay on council land for the purpose of supporting farming at this serious time". "That we also facilitate this initiative to stockpile feed for next winter and spring".

Reply

Louth Local Authorities, in partnership with the IFA, would be willing to facilitate, where possible, the cutting of silage or hay on available council land.

(iii) Cllr. I. Munster

That Louth County Council is alarmed at the steady rise in suicide rates in Ireland in recent years, calls on the Government to increase funding to organisations & services active in suicide prevention and support for families affected by suicide. Council calls for an All Ireland National Suicide Authority be set up with the aim of synchronising the efforts of all anti-suicide organisations and creating clarity and unity in suicide prevention'.

Reply

This is a matter for the members

18. NOTICES OF QUESTION

(i) Cllr. F. Godfrey

What is the total amount owed to Louth Local Authorities in rates arrears, rent arrears, development levies, household charges, septic tank charges, library charges and any other Council imposed charges? What is the breakdown and geographical spread?

Reply

Louth Local Authorities have the following arrears as at 31st of December 2012.

Authority	Rates Arrears	Rent Arrears	Water	Loans	Development Levies
	€	€	€	€	€
Louth CC	5,042,202	639,445	5,440,193	194,132	3,354,421
Drogheda BC	5,784,614	470,719	Nil	213,389	4,086,268
Dundalk TC	8,028,616	568,094	Nil	47,246	2,521,325

The household charge collection for 2012 is currently 70% and we do not have information on the septic tank charge as this is a national charge being collected centrally in Dublin.

(ii) Cllr. F. Godfrey

How much money has Louth Local Authorities got in reserve / savings?

Reply

<u>Authority</u>	<u>General Reserves</u>
	€
<i>Louth County Council</i>	<i>717,539</i>
<i>Drogheda Borough Council</i>	<i>103,190</i>
<i>Dundalk Town Council</i>	<i>3,231,499</i>

(iii) Cllr. I. Munster

Can the council confirm whether the snag lists compiled by the council last August for Aston Village and Termon Abbey have been agreed by the receiver and do we have such agreement in writing?

(b) Has the receiver agreed to use the money from the cash bond for Termon Abbey to cover the council compiled snag lists for both estates and do the council have this agreement in writing?

(c) Who will hold the title deed for Termon Abbey after the estate is taking in charge?

(d) Has the replacement of the fence around the ditch at Aston Village being confirmed and agreed with receiver?

(e) Almost 2 years on, do we have an agreed commencement date for works, given that the county manager originally gave assurances this would only take a matter of months and the failure of LCC to secure the cash bond for Aston Village would not cause any delays or problems?

Reply

The agent acting for the receiver has advised that they have completed the costing of the outstanding works required to bring the estate to taking in charge standard. The quantum of the work has been determined following extensive surveys by Council staff working with a consulting engineer engaged by the receiver. The receiver has not disputed any item of work. The receiver's agent has further advised that their preferred option is to complete the outstanding work in both Termon Abbey and Aston Village which would then allow the Council to release the bond. The receiver is seeking formal approval and expects to be in a position to advise the Council on same within a couple of weeks.

The boundary treatment has been examined as part of the taking in charge process and it has been established that the planning permission does not stipulate new fencing. Notwithstanding that there is no requirement under the planning permission, the Council will pursue the matter further with the receiver when works are being carried out in the estate.

When an estate is taken in charge by the Council the ownership of the subject lands is generally not transferred. It is anticipated that the ownership will remain with the developer but the Council will take the roads services and open spaces in charge

19. NOTICES OF MOTION FROM OTHER COUNCILS

- Ennis Town Council 25/1/2013 (Feb Agenda)
- Nth Tipperary County Council 30/1/2013 “
- Monaghan County Council 27/2/2013 (March Agenda)

- Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown 18/2/2013 “
- Offaly County Council 27/3/2013 (April Agenda)
- Leitrim County Council 27/3/2013 “
- Monaghan Town Council 08/5/2013 (May Agenda)
- Offaly County Council 24/5/2013

20. CORRESPONDENCE

- The Gathering 2013 – Event Funding Allocations (Feb Agenda)
- Border Regional Authority 15/4/2013 (May Agenda)
- Down District Council 10/5/2013 “
- Dept of the Environment 10/6/2013
- Dept of Health 05/6/2013
- Dept of Social Protection 30/5/2013

21. COUNTY MANAGER'S REGISTER

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