

**AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE**

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

Monthly Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013

2. **MINUTES – For Information**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

- CPG 08/02/2013
- Mid Louth Area Meeting 07/02/2013
- South Louth Area Meeting 07/02/2013
- North Louth Area Meeting 06/02/2013
- Mid Louth JPC 19/11/2012
- South Louth JPC 13/11/2012
- North Louth JPC 12/11/2012
- Economic Development & Future Planning 13/12/2013
- Transportation & Cross Border Matters 01/11/2012
- NE Regional Consultative Forum on Homelessness 06/12/2012

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- CPG
- Transportation & Cross Border Matters

4. **VENUE FOR APRIL COUNCIL MEETING**

To agree by resolution the holding of the April Ordinary meeting of Council in Ardee Castle, Ardee on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April as per Standing order no 1. (i)

5. **ANNUAL REPORT**

To adopt the draft joint Annual Report for Louth Local Authorities in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act, 2001

6. **JPC ANNUAL REPORT**

To note the Joint Policing Committees Annual Report setting out its performance for 2012 as required under Section 36 of The Garda Síochána Act, 2005

7. **SECTION 85 AGREEMENT WITH MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WORKS AT CUSACK'S BRIDGE**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

8. **REPLACEMENT OF TRAVELLER REPRESENTATIVE ON LOCAL TRAVELLER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – MR. BERNARD KENNA NOMINATED TO FILL POSTION VACATED BY MS. REBECCA QUINN**

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

9. **TELLUS BORDER PROJECT - PRESENTATION BY MS. MAIREAD GLENNON ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER – GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF IRELAND**

10. **REPORT ON RADON GAS EMISSIONS - PRESENTATION BY MS. STEPHANIE LONG M.Sc.**

11. **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

(to follow under separate cover)

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

12. **TRANSPORTATION & MARINE PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

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. **ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS COMMUNITY GRANTS**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

**17. CONFERENCES / EVENTS**

To approve members' attendance at the enclosed conferences endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013

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

**18. 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, Kilkierley (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 6<sup>th</sup> 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***

**(vii) Cllr. P. McQuillan**

This Council calls on the Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government Phil Hogan to empower and resource Local Authorities to effectively assess persons, on a case to case basis, who have left what was the family home owing to relationship breakdown, to clearly set out policy to deal with such applicants, and to set out mechanisms within this policy to allow for compassionate and psychological factors of persons to be part of the assessment processes.

**Reply**

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

**(viii) Cllr. P. McQuillan**

That this council, as a matter of urgency, contact the Minister For Health, Dr James Reilly, and immediately appoint a Level 2 GP for Drogheda as the existing Level 2 GP has moved his practise from Drogheda Co Louth to Duleek Co Meath, and that Louth Community Drug & Alcohol Team are happy to host the Level 2 GP and support his/her appointment

**Reply**

*This is a matter for the members*

**19. 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.***

**20. 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
- Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown 18/2/2013

**21. CORRESPONDENCE**

- The Gathering 2013 – Event Funding Allocations (Feb Agenda)

**22. COUNTY MANAGER'S REGISTER**

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