

**AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE**

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

Monthly Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013

2. **MINUTES – For Information**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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| • CPG                                    | 05/04/2013 |
| • Traveller Consultative Committee       | 18/04/2013 |
| • Economic Development & Future Planning | 14/02/2013 |
| • Mid Louth Area Meeting                 | 04/04/2013 |
| • South Louth Area Meeting               | 08/04/2013 |
| • North Louth Area Meeting               | 03/04/2013 |

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- CPG
- Housing SPC
- Environment SPC

4. **TO CONFIRM DATE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

In Accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001

5. **SECTION 183 NOTICE**

**(a) PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT 30 CHERRYWOOD PARK, TALLANSTOWN, COUNTY LOUTH**

That the members consider the Section 183 Notice as circulated on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 and confirm the transfer of said lands.

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

**(b) PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT 23 GORT NA GLAISE BLACKROCK, COUNTY LOUTH**

That the members consider the Section 183 Notice as circulated on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 and confirm the transfer of said lands.

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

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6. **TO CONSIDER THE COUNTY MANAGERS REPORT DATED 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013 IN RESPECT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONTROL ROOM, MAINTENANCE BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS FOR NARROW WATER BRIDGE - 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. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer

7. **RURAL WATER PROGRAMME – PROVISIONAL PROPOSALS FOR YEAR 2013 - FOR APPROVAL**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

8. **RURAL WATER PROGRAMME – YEAR 2012 REVIEW - FOR NOTING**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

9. **REVISED EVENT MANAGEMENT GUIDE FOR APPROVAL**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

10. **UNAUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2012**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

11. **LOUTH VOLUNTEER CENTRE – PRESENTATION BY JOHN COTTERELL, CENTRE MANAGER**

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

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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. **FIRE SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

17. **LIBRARY & ARCHIVES QUARTERLY REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

18. **ARTS QUARTERLY REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

19. **ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS COMMUNITY GRANTS**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

20. **CONFERENCES / EVENTS**

To approve members' attendance at the enclosed conferences endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

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

21. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(i) 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***

**(ii) Cllr. F. Godfrey**

That Louth County Council and the County manager lend their support to and write to the Minister for Transport to highlight our opposition to the possible reduction or removal of the Louth Link Rural Transport Scheme. Over 10,000 people use the Rural Transport Scheme within the county annually, and the loss of this vital facility would negatively impact on their lives, as they use the Link to access shops, post offices for pensions, the library, doctors surgeries and other facets of community life.

**Reply**

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

**(iii) Cllr. F. Godfrey**

That Louth County Council provides essential funding in the budget for the maintenance and repair of all old cemeteries in County Louth as a great number of them are in a state of neglect and need urgent attention. My concern is for the safety of those who frequent these cemeteries. These old cemeteries are more than just burial grounds; they are the repositories of history and heritage for generations.

**Reply**

**All graveyards and burial grounds were originally owned by the official state church (Church of Ireland). Circa 1870 the Church of Ireland was disestablished as the state church in Ireland and the Church of Ireland retained ownership of a small number of burial grounds still in use at that time. Ownership of some other burial grounds was transferred to state sanitary authorities (later local authorities) at this time.**

**It is estimated there are approximately 130 to 150 old graveyards and burial grounds in County Louth. The vast majority of these sites are in private ownerships with the sites not vested in Louth County Council. Of the estimated 130 to 150 sites approximately 29 sites are in the ownership of the local authority.**

**There is currently insufficient budgetary funding to maintain the 29 sites in the ownership of the Council. Even if funding was available the local authority cannot enter private properties to carry out works such as grass cutting unless it has legal grounds to do so.**

**There are risks of injuries to persons visiting these sites. Some sites have uneven surfaces, long grass and hidden stone markers. Many of the sites contain the ruins of medieval churches which are in poor structural condition and at risk of collapse. These pose a risk to site visitors. Injured parties may seek recompense from the site owners. If the Council carried**

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out maintenance works on these privately owned sites it could be exposed to legal liability for injuries to third parties.

The scale of funding required to adequately maintain approximately 130 to 150 sites throughout the county means the likelihood of budgetary funding being made available in the short or medium term is remote.

The possibility of local voluntary community or local church groups maintaining some of these sites could be investigated.

**(iv) Cllr. T. Sharkey**

"That this Council supports a process for the re-unification of Ireland."

**Reply**

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

**(v) Cllr. E. Corrigan**

"That this council recognises the hardship that the draconian Property Tax will have on already hard-pressed families and supports the introduction of the "Finance (Local Property Tax Repeal) Bill 2013" recently introduced to the Dáil to repeal this charge." -

**Reply**

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

**(vi) 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.***

**(vii) Cllr. E. Corrigan**

That Louth County Council supports the 'turn off the red light' campaign. Turn off The Red Light is a campaign run by a number of organisations, with the aim to end prostitution and sex trafficking in Ireland. This campaign is calling on the criminalizing of the sex buyer.

**Reply**

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

**22. 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

**23. CORRESPONDENCE**

- The Gathering 2013 – Event Funding Allocations (Feb Agenda)
- Border Regional Authority 15/4/2013
- Down District Council 10/5/2013

**24. COUNTY MANAGER'S REGISTER**

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