

AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

Monthly Meeting held on 16th September 2013

2. **MINUTES – For Information**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

- CPG 06/09/2013
- Dundalk Carlingford/Dundalk Sth Area Committee 03/09/2013
- Ardee Area Committee Meeting 05/09/2013
- Drogheda East & West Area Committee 02/09/2013
- Housing SPC 20/05/2013

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- CPG
- Housing SPC
- Transportation & Cross Border SPC
- Economic Development & Future Planning SPC

4. **SECTION 183 NOTICE**

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT MAIN STREET, DUNLEER COUNTY LOUTH BY MEANS OF A LEASE

That the members consider the Section 183 Notice as circulated on 6th September 2013 and confirm the transfer of said lands.

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

5. **ADOPTION OF NORTH EAST HOMELESSNESS ACTION PLAN 2013-2018**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

6. **TRANSPORTATION & MARINE PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Ms. J. Martin, Director of Services

7. **PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

8. **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

9. **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

10. **FINANCE QUARTERLY REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

11. **FIRE SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

12. **ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS COMMUNITY GRANTS**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

13. **CONFERENCES / EVENTS**

To approve members' attendance at the enclosed conferences endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 11th October 2013.

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

14. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(i) Cllr. M. O'Dowd

That Louth County Council writes to the Office of the DPP to ask what further resources are required by that office to ensure the timely prosecution of those who may be guilty of offences following the planning and payments tribunals and the banking collapse.

Reply

This is a matter for the members

(ii) Cllr. P. Bell

"That Louth County Council supports SIPTU's call for Minister Hogan to engage with Local Development Company (LDC) workers and their union to address their issues arising from the planned alignment of LDC's with local authorities"

Reply

This is a matter for the members

(iii) Cllr. P. McGeough

That this council supports the principle that landowners who are victims of illegal dumping should not be penalised, the prime focus should always be on the polluter.

Reply

The Local Authority is restrained, and must abide by national legislation and regulations, namely the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended and all associated regulations.

The Waste Management Act 1996, as amended allows the local authority to take action against the holder (i.e. landowner) of a waste, where it appears to a local authority that environmental pollution is being caused, or is likely to be caused by the holding of waste on lands without a waste licence.

(iv) Cllr. O. Tully

"That Louth County Council supports the campaign of the Restaurants Association of Ireland to keep the VAT rate for tourism and hospitality at 9% for 2014".

Reply

This is a matter for the members

(v) Cllr. T. Sharkey

"That Louth County Council ends the current practice of assessing domiciliary allowance as a means when calculating rent in local authority homes in Louth."

Reply

This allowance has never been included in the exempted income, used in the assessment and calculation of rents in successive rent schemes. This

is currently an executive function, which will become a reserved function in the near future and implementable from 1 Jan 2015.

(vi) Cllr. J. Ryan

Arising from correspondence received from ASH Ireland, the Housing Strategic Policy Committee recommend to full Council that all Louth Local Authority Playgrounds are made smoke free areas.

Reply

This is a matter for the members

(vii) Cllr. P. McQuillan

Calling on this local authority, as a matter of urgency, to contact Dr. James Reilly, Minister for Health, and working in conjunction with HSE, Regional Drugs Task Force, Louth Community Drug & Alcohol Team, Drogheda Homeless Aid and other relevant organisations, to support and implement recommendations made in the North East Homeless Action Plan 2014-2018, for the provision of a Residential Detox Programme for the region to mitigate homelessness.

Reply

This is a matter for the members

(viii) Cllr. J. Loughran

"That this council in the interest of safety introduce speed reducing measures at Mountbagnel, Riverstown, Dundalk"

Reply

The District Engineer will arrange for a speed and traffic count survey to be carried out at this location.

(ix) Cllrs. P. Smith & P. Bell

"Calling on Louth County Council to inform the Receiver for Manor Park Homes Ltd. that the Council is now sequestering the relevant Bonds pertaining to the developments of Termon Abbey and Aston Village Housing Estates"

Reply

As agreed at the October South Louth Area Meeting, the Receiver will be given a very short deadline of a few weeks within which to commence the works identified on the snag list, failing which the Council will move to undertake the works directly using monies from the bonds held.

(x) Cllr. I. Munster

Calling on this council in light of the fact revealed by the council engineers that, Kavanagh Fennell, receivers for Manorpark Homebuilders, after 2 years of chasing, have not given a commitment or commencement date for the taking in charge of Aston Village and Termon Abbey and are currently seeking to sell these works to an as yet unknown third party developer which would further delay the taking in charge works from happening beyond the current 2 year delay, that this council sequester the cash bond currently held to immediately begin the taking in charge works.

Reply

As agreed at the October South Louth Area Meeting, the Receiver will be given a very short deadline of a few weeks within which to commence the works identified on the snag list, failing which the Council will move to undertake the works directly using monies from the bonds held.

(xi) Cllr. I. Munster

That this council values quality education as a means to promoting personal, social, intellectual, cultural and economic development.

This council is concerned that many young students in Louth are in over sized classes, many have more than 30 students.

Louth County Council calls on the Minister for Education and the Department of Education to appoint enough teachers to ensure this situation ends.

We also call in the dept of education and skills to implement a new system that establishes the numbers of new students entering school 6 months before the start of each school year.

Reply

This is a matter for the members

15. NOTICES OF QUESTION

(i) Cllr. M. O'Dowd

What is the insurance position for community and resident groups that maintain the green area in estates where the said green area has not been taken in charge by the Council?

Reply

'Louth County Council cannot insure a property that we have no interest in, and therefore would not have insurance cover for any residential or community groups that carry out works or activities in estates that are not taken in charge. The advice received from our insurers suggests that all resident or community groups should carry their own insurance for any activities they are carrying out in any estate including ones where the estate has been taken in charge.'

(ii) Cllr. O. Tully

"How much income was collected for berthing charges at Port Oriel Harbour Clogherhead for the last 5 years and how much of this was reinvested in maintenance of the harbour over the same period".

Reply

The income collected for berthing charges at Port Oriel, Clogherhead during the period 2008 to 2012 inclusive amounted to €238,259.

The expenditure incurred during the same period was €216,150. In addition, during this period, the Council paid €986,959.71 in Loan Interest and Capital Repayments in respect of the Loan for the improvements and extension to the Harbour.

(iii) Cllr. T. Sharkey

"In relation to the house in Tullagee Knockbridge bought by this council in 2010/2011, how much funding was received from SEAI for energy efficiency works on this house and what works were carried out on this house in the last year and what was the cost of these works? Also, when did council staff decide that this house was in need of energy conservation works, was an independent survey carried out on this house, by which engineer and what were the findings of that survey?"

Reply

The Council has instructed our Internal Auditors to review the 2010/2011 Social Housing Investment Programme relating to house purchases, one of which is this property. There will be no further reply pending conclusion of the matter.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION FROM OTHER COUNCILS

- Monaghan Town Council Sept Agenda
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- Carrickmacross Town Council Sept Agenda
- Waterford City Council Sept Agenda
- Offaly County Council x 2 Sept Agenda
- Limerick City & County Council Sept Agenda
- Dundalk Town Council Sept Agenda
- Clones Town Council Sept Agenda
- Limerick City & County Council 03/10/2013
- Ennis Town Council 03/10/2013
- Leitrim County Council 16/09/2013

17. CORRESPONDENCE

- Office of an Taoiseach x 2 Sept Agenda
- Office of the Tánaiste Sept Agenda
- Department of Health x 5 Sept Agenda
- Dept Of Education & Skills Sept Agenda
- Dept Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation Sept Agenda
- Dept Justice, Equality & Defence Sept Agenda
- Border Regional Authority Sept Agenda
- Dept of Social & Family Affairs Sept Agenda
- Dept of Education (N. Ireland) Sept Agenda
- Dept of Health x 2 26/09/2013 &
24/09/2013
- Minister for Health & Social Services N.I. 12/09/2013
- Border Regional Authority 10/10/2013
- Mobile Library Service – Revised Routes October 2013

18. COUNTY MANAGER'S REGISTER

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