

AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

Monthly Meeting held on 17th February 2014

2. **MINUTES – For Information**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

- Corporate Policy Group 07/02/2014
- Dundalk JPC Meeting 11/11/2013
- Dundalk JPC Public Meeting 11/11/2013
- Drogheda JPC Meeting 18/11/2013
- Drogheda JPC Public Meeting 18/11/2013
- Ardee JPC Meeting 20/11/2013
- Ardee JPC Public Meeting 20/11/2013
- South Louth Area Meeting 03/02/2014
- North Louth Area Meeting 05/02/2014
- Mid Louth Area Meeting 06/02/2014

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- CPG

4. **TO CONSIDER THE COUNTY MANAGERS REPORT DATED 3rd MARCH 2014 IN RESPECT OF BELLURGAN EMBANKMENT IMPROVEMENT 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**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

5. **SECTION 183 NOTICE – DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT RATHMORE KILKERLEY TO TATEETRA LIVESTOCK LIMITED**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

6. **LOCAL ELECTION 2014 POLLING CARDS – TO CONFIRM THE ISSUING OF POLLING CARDS IN RESPECT OF UPCOMING LOCAL ELECTION ON 23RD MAY 2014**

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

7. **TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME – FOR ADOPTION**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

8. **TRANSITION REPORT – County Manager – Report on the background and the new structures including the technical services to support same will be outlined.**

9. **ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

10. **TRANSPORTATION & MARINE PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

11. **PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

12. **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

13. **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

14. **ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS COMMUNITY GRANTS**

(Enclosed/Iniata

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

15. **CONFERENCES / EVENTS**

To approve members' attendance at the enclosed conferences endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 14th March 2014

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

16. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(i) Cllr. I. Munster

"That Louth County Council believes that adding a Social clause to contracts it enters into, society will benefit from localised employment, value for money, public confidence, environmental gain and democratic accountability.

This Council calls for the Office for Public Procurement to enable local authorities and agencies to add a Social Clause to contracts entered into.

Reply

EU procurement directive provides that contracting authorities may consider how what is proposed to be procured might improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the relevant area and how, in conducting the process of procurement, it might act with a view to securing that improvement.

It allows for social and environmental criteria in public procurement as long as these are linked to the subject matter of the contract. In practice this allows for bidders that offer better working conditions to their workers and offer sustainably produced goods as well as considering the life-cycle costs rather than just the up-front costs of assets purchased. Simply considering price, rather than quality, as the only award criterion will be discouraged.

This is a matter for the members but we propose to refer same to the office of government procurement

(ii) Cllr. F. Godfrey

That Louth County Council expresses its concern at the amount paid to consultants engaged by Irish Water, and we write to the Minister calling on him

that the Council should have an input on any charges imposed on household consumers by Irish Water in County Louth.

Reply

This is a matter for the members

(iii) Cllr. P. Savage

That the Minister for Health consults with the HSE in order that volunteers driving patients such as the "Hospice Scheme" are not charged parking fees for time spent in Hospital Car Parks awaiting patients.

Reply

This is a matter for the members

(iv) Cllr. M. Butler

That on the planned amalgamation of Dundalk Town Council and Louth County Council in May of this year, that the financial reserves of Dundalk Town Council are ringfenced for use in the new Dundalk municipal area.

Reply

Upon the order directing the dissolution of the Town Councils, all assets and liabilities of Dundalk Town Council will transfer to Louth County Council. While the sentiment of the motion is understood it is not possible to act upon same for the reasons outlined.

(iii) Cllr. J. Loughran

That Louth County Council install 5 grids and proper signage on the approach roads to the Long Woman's Grave to give proper warning to motorists that they are entering a commonage and to take due care."

Reply

We have received various representations in recent months in relation to the possibility of providing and installing cattle grids on public roads approaching the Long Woman's Grave area of the Cooley Mountains. The Council has already put in place the required statutory road signage for sheep commonages on the approach roads to the Long Woman's grave and we do not feel that any additional measures are justified at the current time

(iv) Cllr. O. Tully

'That Louth County Council installs traffic calming / road safety measures in the vicinity of the entrance to Orchard Villas Termonfeckin'.

Reply

The Council will carry out a survey to determine if traffic calming measures are warranted at this location.

(v) Cllr. O. Tully

'That Louth County Council constructs a footpath from Drogheda to Baltray'.

Reply

The distance from Baltray Bridge to the outskirts of Drogheda is approximately 3.8 km. Land acquisition would be required as the existing road is not sufficiently wide to install a footpath and maintain two way traffic. Additionally up to 95 lighting columns would be required to upgrade public lighting. Currently there is no funding available to embark on project of this magnitude.

(vi) Cllr. E. Corrigan

"That Louth County Council marks the centenary of the foundation of Cumann na mBan in a manner that is educational, inclusive and encapsulates the historical significance of the women involved down through the century.

Also, that this council notes and commends local historian Ailbhe Rogers who delivered a lecture on this topic in the County Museum in late 2013"

Reply

This matter will be examined by our Archives, Library and Museum Service to evaluate if an appropriate medium can be found to mark this occasion.

17. NOTICES OF QUESTION

(i) Cllr. F. Godfrey

What is the estimated cost of flooding and damage following the recent storms in the County?

What is the overall cost of damage caused to roads by recent flooding?

Erosion – what is the current state of our Coastline following the recent storms?

Reply

As indicated in the Severe Weather Report presented to Council at the January meeting, the cost of damage is estimated at €225,000

The damage caused to roads is estimated at €15,000, required for repairs to roads at Whitestown/Ballagan. All other disruption caused by stones, seaweed and debris being washed onto the coastal roads has been cleared without any permanent damage.

Erosion of the coast line is an ongoing issue. The principal impacts resulting from the recent storms are as indicated in the Severe Weather Report.

(ii) Cllr. P. Smith

Can Louth County Council define the word 'maintenance' as used in planning conditions laid down by the council that apply to construction companies in the building of housing estates?

Reply

There is no specific definition of the term "maintenance". The term can only be determined in the context of the particular condition to which it may refer.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION FROM OTHER COUNCILS

- Edenderry Town Council 25/2/2014

19. CORRESPONDENCE

- Gradam An Phiarsaigh / Pádraig Pearse Awards 2014
- Department of Health 27/02/2014
- Dept. of Health x 4 letters 27/02/2014 & 12/03/2014
- Dept Environment, Community & LG 11/2/2014
- Dept of Agriculture 13/3/2014

20. COUNTY MANAGER'S REGISTER

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