



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

County Council Monthly Meeting - St. Gerards Hall, St. Alphonsus Road, Dundalk  
- Monday, 20th September 2021 at 10:00am

***Clár Oibre / Agenda***

***Minutes***

**1.0 Daigniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes**

Monthly Meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021

**2.0 Minutes of District Meetings - for noting**

- Borough District of Drogheda Monthly Meeting held on 5th July 2021
- Municipal District of Dundalk Monthly Meeting held on 6th July 2021
- Municipal District of Ardee Monthly Meeting held on 1st July 2021

**3.0 Miontuairiscí Chruinnithe an Choiste lena n-aithint / Minutes of Committee Meetings - for noting**

- Corporate Policy Group 7th July 2021

***Tuarascáil ó Chathaoirleach an Ghrúpa Beatais Corpaideach / Report from Chairperson of Corporate Policy Group***

**4.0 Tuarascáil ó Chathaoirleach an Ghrúpa Beartais Corpaideach / Report from Chairperson of Corporate Policy Group**

***Tuarascáil Chathaoirligh an Choiste um Beartas Straitéiseach / Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Report***

**5.0 Tuarascáil ó Chathaoirligh an Choise an Beartais Straiteiseach / Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Report**

***Gnó Reachtúil / Statutory Business***

**6.0 Consideration of Casual Vacancy as deferred from July meeting**

To consider the filling of the Casual Vacancy of the seat of our former colleague, Councillor Hugh Conlon, RIP, in accordance with Section 19(3) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended

**7.0 Consideration of the Chief Executive's Report on submissions on the Material Amendments to the Draft Development Plan**

**8.0 Approval of €5 million Overdraft Facility for 2022**

**9.0 To agree a date for the 2022 Annual Budget Meeting**

## **10.0 Breithniú ar Thuarascálacha agus ar Chomhréitigh ón bPríomhfheidhmeannach / Consideration of Reports and Recommendations from Chief Executive**

Monthly Management Report

Finance & Water Services

Economic Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure

Operations & Waste Management

Corporate & Emergency Services

Housing & Quality of Life

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### *Míreanna / Items*

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## **11.0 Amenity Grant Scheme 2021 - Late Applications for Approval**

## **12.0 Allocation of Members Community Grants August 2021**

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### *Fógraí Foriarratais / Notices of Motion*

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## **13.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Paula Butterly**

That Louth County Council establishes an Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Committee.

The Agriculture and Fisheries sectors support thousands of jobs in the County and their combined value of output was circa €126m in 2020, equating to in excess of €180m in value of exports.

Such a committee would allow crucial stakeholders to contribute to debates and proposals regarding environmental, economic and educational issues relative and specific to these sectors and their communities. Key Objectives:

1. Environmental - that the next generation inherits a better County to the previous one.
2. Education - promote, inform and educate on the importance of good food, its origins and its links to good health.
3. Bridge the divide between the urban and rural communities.
4. Sustainable Rural life - ensure that rural communities remain financially and economically viable, that communities continue to prosper and grow.

Similar committees have been established within Donegal County Council and are proving to be successful

## **14.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Tomas Sharkey**

"In respect of the financial costs incurred by LCC by giving cash flow support to the 2018 and 2019 Fleadh Committee, this council require a report to be issued by the Chief Executive outlining what steps were taken to comply with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 and specifically

(7) Where the manager has incurred additional expenditure under *subsection (6)*, or to which a scheme under *subsection (4)* applies, he or she shall inform—

(a) without delay, the Cathaoirleach of the fact, and

(b) the members of the local authority of the fact at the next practicable meeting of the local authority following the incurring of additional expenditure,

giving details of the additional expenditure and its implications for the local authority budget."

### **15.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Emma Coffey**

That Louth County Council give their support in the DKIT s.38 TU ACT application in obtaining University Status and ensuring that it becomes the 1st choice third level learning institution in the North East

### **16.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. John Sheridan**

"To ask what the cost of the junction realignments in November 2020 at Sláns pub Annagassan and at Dillonstown church? What arrangements are made with the relevant stakeholders around the cost of the second realignment in June 2021 given it had to be realigned so soon after the first time it was done."

### **17.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Pearse McGeough**

At July's meeting of the Ardee Municipal I was informed that the outlay for the junction at Annagassan will cost €200,000.

As you can appreciate, I am concerned at this figure and require the following:

1. Can I have a breakdown of this figure?
2. How much was spent on the second realignment to fix the 'upgrade'?
3. Were the same designers and on-site Company involved in both realignments?
4. Is there any insurance or clawback available to offset the cost of the second realignment as it was to fix an unsatisfactory or 'botched' job?

### **18.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Michelle Hall**

That Louth County Council will call on the Ministers for Justice; Education; and Children, Disability, Equality & Integration to collaborate and implement an Operation Encompass-style programme between An Garda Síochána and schools.

Operation Encompass is a police-led, school-based early intervention safeguarding scheme which supports children and young people who experience Domestic Abuse. Operation Encompass was created to ensure that by the start of the next school day, a child's school will be informed that there has been a police-attended incident of domestic abuse incident at the home of the child. The child is then supported immediately upon arrival at school.

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## *Fógraí Ceistanna / Notices of Questions*

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### **19.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. Pio Smith**

"To ask the Local Authority to provide a list of all funding applications made by the Local Authority in 2020"

### **20.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. Tomas Sharkey**

How many notices in writing have been issued by Louth County Council since January 2020 relevant to the Roads Act 1993 Section 76 detailed below?

(a) water is not prevented, obstructed or impeded from draining into, onto, under, through or to his land from a public road,

(b) water, soil or other material is prevented from flowing or falling onto a public road from his land.

(6) A road authority may serve a notice in writing on the owner or occupier of any land adjacent to a public road requiring him to carry out specified works or take specified measures—

1. to ensure that water is not prevented, obstructed or impeded from draining into, onto, under, through or to his land from a public road,
2. to prevent water, soil or other material from flowing or falling onto a public road from his land.

Has a notice in writing been issued relevant to the Roads Act 1993 Section 76 to address flooding of the public road at Plaster Kilkerry detailed below?

### **21.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. M. Hall**

How many houses applied for Vacant Housing Repair and Leasing Initiative with Louth County Council, how many were successful and how many are leased since the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness Leasing Initiative began?

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*Míreanna / Items*

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### **22.0 Chomhfhreagras / Correspondence**

- Letter from HSE dated 9th August 2021

### **23.0 Notices of Motion from other Councils**

Wicklow County Council 28th July 2021

Sligo County Council 10th September 2021

Leitrim County Council (2) 10th September 2021

### **24.0 Chief Executives Order Register**