

MAY 2010

AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** ✓

(Enclosed/Iniata)

Monthly Meeting held on 19th April 2010

2. **MINUTES – For Information** ✓

(Enclosed/Iniata)

a) Traveller Consultative Committee	27/01/10
b) Economic Development & Future Planning	08/04/10
c) Drogheda East & West Area Committee	12/04/10
d) Dundalk Carlingford/South Area Committee	12/04/10
e) Ardee Area Committee	25/03/10
f) Corporate Policy Group	09/04/10
g) Housing SPC	15/03/10

3. **SPC – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORTS** ✓

- Housing

4. **REGIONAL HOMELESS ACTION PLAN – FOR ADOPTION** ✓

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

5. **NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS CONSULTATIVE FORUM** ✓

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

6. **COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANTS SCHEME 2010 – FOR APPROVAL** ✓

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE LÚ

7. **LOUTH ECONOMIC INDIGENOUS INDUSTRY ACTION PLAN PRESENTATION – MR. P. WHITE & MR. C. FAHY (Enterprise Ireland)**

To be dealt with by Mr. M. Curran, Director of Services, Economic Development & Transportation

8. **VAT ON LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES – PRESENTATION**

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

9. **NATIONAL BROADBAND SCHEME IN COUNTY LOUTH**

To be dealt with by Mr. M. Curran, Director of Services, Economic Development & Transportation

10. **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE 2009 - 2015 DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR COUNTY LOUTH**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

To consider a proposal to materially contravene the Louth County Development Plan 2009-2019 to enable the granting of planning permission, subject to conditions to Kathleen Maddy for a new 1.5 storey dwelling house, domestic garage, waste water treatment system and all associated site development works at Bridgeacrinn, Killen, Dundalk, Co. Louth. Planning Reference Number 09/838

To be dealt with by Mr. F. Pentony, Town Clerk, Dundalk Town Council.

11. **DRAFT POLICY/PROCEDURE FOR TAKING IN CHARGE OF PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Mr. M. Curran, Director of Services, Economic Development & Transportation.

12. **DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS IN DEVELOPMENTS KNOWN AS:-**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

- Carraig Ard, Blackrock
- Glenwood Abbey, Monasterboice
- St. Ronan's Villas, Dromiskin
- Wallace's Cove, Blackrock

To be dealt with by Mr. M. Curran, Director of Services, Economic Development & Transportation

13. **RURAL WATER PROGRAMME**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

- Provisional proposals for year 2010 – for approval by Members
- Year 2009 – Review for noting by Members.

To be dealt with by Mr. D. Foley, Director of Services, Environment & Water

14. **ROADS PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Mr. M. Curran, Director of Services, Economic Development & Transportation

15. **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

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

16. **PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Mr. M. Curran, Director of Services, Economic Development & Transportation

17. **CONFERENCES / EVENTS**

To approve members' attendance at the following conferences:-

1. Councillors Role in Changing Climate, LAMA, Sligo, 9th & 10th April – Cllrs. **D. Breathnach, L. Reilly, J. Lennon, F. McCoy.**
2. Banking, Insurance & NAMA, Esperanza Enterprises, Tralee, 16th – 18th April – Cllrs. **O. Tully, F. McCoy, J. Lennon, L. Reilly, A. Donohoe.**
3. New EPA Guidelines for Single Houses, Their Implications to Local Government, Esperanza Enterprises, Galway, 23rd – 25th April – Cllrs. **L. Reilly, D. Breathnach, F. McCoy, J. Lennon, J. Ryan, M. O'Dowd.**

18. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

- (i) **From Cllr. P. McQuillan**
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“Calling on Louth County Council to allocate funding from the sports and recreation fund for the provision of a playground in Tullyallen. Contact has been made with the chairman of Glen Emmets GFC and they are willing to talk to the county engineer with the possibility of putting the playground on an unused piece of land beside the old club house. The land has parking facilities already on site and it is both central to the village and a safe distance from the main road. If this site is unsuitable I would like to see Louth County Council source a site central to the village and install this much needed facility as the village has experienced a large population rise in the last number of years and there are no such facilities in place”.

Reply

Louth County Council would include this location in it's Playground Capital Programme, however any project commencement would be subject to available funding. It would be advisable if a local playground committee could be established to assist the process by confirming ownership, interest and any local funding opportunities.

(ii) From Cllr. Frank Godfrey

“That Louth County Council consider a call for withdrawal of the United States Demand for the extradition from Ireland to the USA of Sean Garland”

Reply

This is a matter for the Members.

(iii) From Cllr. Frank Godfrey

“That Louth County Council write to the government to resist VAT and new tax levies to be imposed of 13% on all Local Authority Cemeteries, Grave Plots purchased. This will be just another tax on already over burdened tax payers”

Reply

The introduction of this VAT charge is as a result of a European Court of Justice Judgement in a case against Ireland in respect of the charging of VAT by public bodies on certain economic activities in July 2009. As a result, the government have to implement the VAT charge.

(iv) From Cllr. Frank Godfrey

“That Louth County Council take firm action, to prohibit motorbikes & quads from damaging and using the Cooley Mountains, as they are destroying the Flora & Fauna”

Reply

This issue has already been raised at Dundalk Carlingford/Dundalk South Area Committee level.

This Council adopted Bye-Laws in 2003 regulating the use of Off Road Vehicles on the Cooley Mountains and following the raising of the issue at Area Committee level, a letter has issued to An Garda Síochána requesting their assistance in the enforcement of the Bye-Laws.

(v) From Cllr. Tomás Sharkey

“That ordinary monthly meetings of Louth County Council begin at 9.15 am on the third Monday of each month”.

Reply

Current Standing Orders provide that the monthly meeting is held at 10.00am or at such other hour as may from time to time be fixed by resolution of the Council. Standing Orders are currently being reviewed and the issue can best be dealt with in the course of that review.

(vi) From Cllr. I. Munster

“Calling on this council to install bollards as a road safety measure on Main Street, Termonfeckin to eliminate the road safety issues caused by lorries and cars parking on the footpath opposite the local Centra store. These lorries and cars continuously park from early morning and throughout the day blocking residents’ driveways and obstructing sight lines for residents exiting their houses.”

Reply

The Area Engineer has had discussions on this matter with Councillor Munster and a meeting on site is proposed in the near future. The meeting will look at the issues raised in the motion along with the proposed solution. In addition he will examine other options, such as enforcement, bye-laws and planning.

19. NOTICES OF QUESTION

(i) From Cllr. Tomás Sharkey

“What is the current policy on fluoridation of public water supplies in Louth and how much fluoride was added to the public water supply in each of the last 3 years, how much does the fluoride cost and has Louth County Council been advised of any health implications of fluoridation of water?”

Reply

The Council fluoridates water in accordance with the statutory requirements set out in the Health Act (Fluoridation of Water), 1960 and associated Regulations.

Fluoride is added to designated supplies to achieve a concentration of between 0.6 to 0.8 mg/L as set out in the relevant Regulations.

The HSE are responsible for fluoridation and the competent body in respect of public health matters pertaining to water supplies. All costs associated with fluoridation are recouped from the HSE. The total cost of fluoridation in 2009 was €132,255.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

- DOEHLG – 16/4/10 – Irelands new Tentative List of potential nominees to the World Heritage List

21. COUNTY MANAGER'S REGISTER

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