

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE UÍBH FHAILÍ

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING
OF OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TULLAMORE
ON MONDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 2.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. B. Cowen (Presiding), Cllrs. N. Bourke, M. Buckley, J. Butterfield, J. Carroll, P. Clendennen, , D. Dolan, E. Dooley, S. Dooley E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, C. Hanniffy, N. Hogan, T. McKeigue, J. Leahy, T. McLoughlin, S. Moylan Ryan, P. Ormond, D. Owens, G. Plunkett and L. Quinn

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager, Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S., Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., Mr. D. Kirrane, D.O.S., Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F., Mr. E. O’Ceilleachair, C.F.O., Mr. A. Murray, S.P., Ms. L. O’Sullivan, A/S.E.P., Mr. D. Hogan, S.E., Mr. C. McCarthy, S.E., Mr. D. Mahon, S.E.O., Ms. A. Dillon, S.E.O., Mr. D. Minton, A.O., Ms. A. Pedlow, Heritage Officer, Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator and Ms. R. Dillon, C.O.

**VOTES OF
SYMPATHY:**

Votes of sympathy were unanimously extended to the following:-

Mrs. Jaffery, Parnell Street, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the death of her husband, Paddy.

Mrs Elizabeth Rigney, O’Molloy Street, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the death of her brother, Pat Hensey.

Mrs. Eileen Bergin & Family, Newtown, Ballybritt, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary on the death of her husband, Peter.

Ms. Lorraine Byrne, Ballinowlart, Clonbullogue, Co Offaly on the death of her mother, Morah.

John & Sally Hogan, 13 Newbridge St., Birr, Co. Offaly on the death of her mother, Nora.

Mr. Paschal Kelleghan, Newtown, Rhode, Co. Offaly on the death of his father, Christy.

Mr. Michael Howy, Rathgreedon, Edenderry, Co. Offaly on the death of his father, Thomas.

Mrs. Betty Ryan & Family, Togher, Doon, Ballinahown, Co. Offaly on the death of her husband, Joseph.

Mrs. Cummins & Family, Glaskill, Screggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the death of her husband, Michael.

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The Ennis Family, Ballycumber, Co. Offaly on the death of their mother, Mary.

Kevin Doheny, Knockowen Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the death of his mother, Peg.

Regina Daly, Church St. Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the death of her mother, Eithne.

The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council joined with the members in these votes of sympathy.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:

The members passed a vote of congratulations to the following:

Offaly Intermediate Camogie Team on winning the All Ireland Intermediate Championship. It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to offer a Civic Welcome to the team in honour of their victory.

The estates, villages and businesses who received the Tullamore Credit Union: Tidy Tullamore 2010 awards.

Clonbollogue and Geashill on the high marks achieved in the National Tidy Town contest.

Mr. Ralph Haslam, Mossfield Organic Farm on achieving the overall National Organic Award, 2010 for Mossfield Organic Mature Cheese.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. N. Bourke, the minutes of Offaly County Council's July Monthly Meeting, held 19th July 2010, were confirmed and signed.

MINUTES FOR NOTING:

The following minutes were noted:

- Tullamore Area Committee Meeting held 15th March 2010
- Housing, Social & Cultural SPC held 13th May 2010
- Transportation & Emergency Services SPC held 14th May 2010
- Environment SPC held 26th May 2010
- Birr Area Committee Meeting held 15th June 2010
- Ferbane Area Committee Meeting held 15th June 2010
- Corporate Policy Group Meeting held 21st June 2010
- Tullamore Area Committee Meeting held 5th July 2010

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach the meeting agreed to suspend Standing Orders and take Item 11 - Update on the Water Supply Project - Dublin Region presentation next.

**UPDATE ON THE WATER
SUPPLY PROJECT -
DUBLIN REGION:**

Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S., introduced Mr. M. Kelly, Dublin City Council and Mr. G. Geoghegan, RPS Consultant to the meeting.

Mr. G. Geoghegan gave a comprehensive presentation on the proposal for addressing the future water supply to the Dublin, Mid East and Midlands region. He advised that, having regard to the population trends outlined in the Regional Planning Guidelines, a new water source will be required from 2020 onwards. He stated that the project to source additional water to supplement the current supply began in 1996. Mr. Geoghegan informed the meeting that the recommendation involves the abstraction of water from Lough Derg and pumping it through pipelines to a storage area at Garryhinch where Bord na Mona has an extensive cut-away bog. The treated water will be piped from the Eco Park at Garryhinch to Dublin and surrounding counties.

Mr. Geoghegan informed the meeting that the next steps included the submission of the proposal to Dublin City Council for their consideration and approval. He advised that RPS Consultants anticipated that the planning application to An Bord Pleanála would take approximately four years and procurement and construction a further six years.

In the ensuing discussion the members acknowledged the positive implications of the proposed plan for Offaly. In responding to some of the issues raised, Mr. Geoghegan advised that: abstraction would happen during periods of high flow and reduced or ceased during low flow periods; in excess of 10% of the proposed pipeline route is in lands owned by Bord na Mona; the level of abstraction from Lough Derg would not influence flooding issues being experienced in the county; the levels of water abstraction will not impact on water levels in Lough Derg as the ESB, at Ardnacrusha, are responsible for controlling water levels within specified levels; the project will need to be viable and sustainable and an Environment Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be required during the Planning process; the facility and the availability of clean water would be a significant attraction for business to locate in the region; the availability of the Bord na Mona site was a key component in the location of the reservoir; the two-prong approach, i.e., the provision of a water reservoir and the possible tourism potential was similar to Rutland Water situated in Leicestershire, UK; consultation with the key stakeholders will take place over the next three to four years during the preparation of the EIS and during the Planning process; and, approximately one thousand jobs would be created during the construction of the facility.

The members thanked Mr. Geoghegan for his detailed presentation.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS) 2001
(PART V111) - PROPOSED
REMEDIAL WORKS
PROGRAMME AT
CHURCHVIEW HEIGHTS
EDENDERRY, CO.
OFFALY:**

Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S., informed the meeting that no submissions were received following the period of public consultation. He clarified that an allocation of €375,000 was available to carry out works and that he was hopeful that the Council could commence works in 2010.

On the proposal of Cllr. N. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. N. Hogan, the members adopted the proposed remedial works programme at Churchview Heights, Edenderry.

**SECTION 183 OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACT 2001 - DISPOSAL OF
FREEHOLD INTEREST
IN LANDS AT SHINRONE
TO THE HOUSING &
SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES LTD:**

Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S., drew the members' attention to the circulated report which outlined the reasons regarding the disposal of lands at Rathbaun, Shinrone to Housing and Sustainable Communities Ltd. Cllrs. P. Ormond and J. Carroll sought clarification on the process and the possibility of the lands being available to the Council in the future. Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S., advised that the Council could not guarantee that it would have first option on the lands in the future. He advised that the Council was not in a position to develop the lands and that the Council was seeking to recoup the outstanding capital remaining on the loan and the amount of interest paid to date from the DEHLG.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll, the meeting agreed to defer a decision on the matter until later in the meeting when the members from the electoral area would have had an opportunity to review the matter with the Director of Services and Senior Executive Officer, Housing.

The meeting returned to this agenda item at a later time and on the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll, the Council approved the disposal of freehold interest in lands at Rathbaun, Shinrone to the Housing and Sustainable Communities Ltd.

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OPERATIONS, SECTION
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1981:**

Cllr. B. Cowen, Cathaoirleach, informed the meeting that he had handed the letter, given to him by the protesters at Áras an Chontae, to the County Manager. He noted that in the absence of an agreement between the Council and the Fire-fighters' Union that the Daingean and Banagher Brigades were stood down with effect from Friday, 17th September 2010. He informed the meeting that the *Plan for Fire and Emergency Operations, Section 26, Fire Services Act 1981* was before the members for consideration at this meeting.

Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., drew the members' attention to his report, which was emailed to the members on Thursday, 16th September 2010, advising that the Daingean and Banagher Brigades were being stood down with effect from Friday, 17th September 2010. He advised that following representations made by the Fire-fighters' Union

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that he had agreed that drills for the fire-fighters in the Daingean and Banagher Brigades would continue for a further six week period. Thereafter, the drills would be discontinued.

A lengthy discussion ensued. The members expressed their disappointment and dissatisfaction with the standing down of the Banagher and Daingean brigades and requested that the brigades be reinstated with immediate effect. They expressed their concern with regard to the short notice provided to the fire-fighters and the notice provided to the members. A number of members said they rejected the *Plan for Fire and Emergency Operations, Section 26, Fire Services Act 1981* and asked that a vote on the plan be taken. On learning that the Offaly Fire Service was the third most expensive service to operate, per budget, the members sought a more detailed financial report for all eight stations. The members acknowledged that in the absence of the Union taking a ballot of its members it was impossible to ascertain if the efficiency proposals could be implemented. The members noted the legal advice provided to them and highlighted their concerns for the health and safety of the communities in the affected areas. The Executive was asked to advise if a contingency plan had been put in place and if additional funding had been sought from the Department.

The following issues were also raised:

- Cllr. E. Dooley noted that the Plan had been tabled twelve months previously and that it was rejected by the members. The suggested staffing arrangements proposed by the Fianna Fáil grouping were not acceptable to the Executive; that the Executive had tabled its own efficiency proposals with the firefighters' union; and that the €250,000 - provisionally assigned to the service to keep it operational while cost efficiencies were being agreed - was now spent. He noted the legal advice provided in relation to health and safety requirements and said that in the absence of a ballot of the fire-fighters it was impossible to ascertain if the efficiency proposal would achieve the required savings and result in a safe and effective service for all persons in the county. He noted that Offaly's expenditure on fire services, as a percentage of its overall budget, ranked the third highest in the country. He questioned whether fire-fighters, who turnout late and remain in the station, are paid for the full fire call, and whether the whole brigade, be that 10 or 11 fire-fighters, responds to a chimney fire.
- Cllr L. Quinn advised that he was of the opinion that no action would take place until October. He requested that the members be furnished with the costs of all the fire brigades. Cllr. Quinn proposed that the Plan be put to a vote of the members immediately.

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- Cllr. N. Hogan enquired as to the urgency of standing down the brigades in advance of the Council Meeting. She recommended that the members vote to reject the plan and insist that the Manager prepare a revised plan which would keep all the stations open.

Cllr. B. Cowen, Cathaoirleach, acknowledged that the members collectively disapproved of the Draft Plan and that accordingly there was no reason to vote on the Plan. The members agreed with his summation.

- Cllr. J. Leahy expressed his dissatisfaction with the exclusion of Kilcormac from the Director of Services most recent report and that the same accommodation with regard to the training of the fire-fighters in Kilcormac had not happened. He wondered how Laois could maintain eight brigades and suggested that the finances needed to be examined more closely. He advised that he agreed with Cllr. E. Dooley's proposal and that the Fianna Fáil proposal should be implemented.
- Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan demanded that the Banagher brigade be put back on-call immediately and that the required staff be recruited. She requested that the Manager introduce rostering on a pilot phase for a twelve month period.
- Cllr. G. Plunkett suggested that Daingean be re-instated due to its geographical location.
- Cllr. J. Foley advised that he understood the health and safety issues, but that the health and safety of communities needed to be considered also. He urged that meaningful negotiations take place between the Executive and the Union.
- Cllr. C. Hanniffy seconded Cllr. N. Hogan's proposal to reject the Plan. She proposed that the Draft Plan be reviewed in light of the Council's 2011 Budget, which she suggested would be reduced due to the decline in locally generated income and the possibility of a reduction in the Local Government Fund. She proposed that efficiencies be introduced at all levels. She stated that the possibility of maintaining eight stations within a reduced budget would be difficult and requested that the financial provision for training, rostering and provision of vehicles be re-examined.
- Cllr. J. Butterfield proposed that the stations be re-opened until a viable Plan was agreed by the members.
- Cllr. M. Buckley enquired if extra funding had been sought from the Department. She maintained that it was not possible to levy additional funding locally. She re-iterated earlier proposals that the union be urged to take a ballot of its members.
- Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick acknowledged the protest being held outside Áras an Chontae and suggested that the safety of members in the community were compromised following the standing down of the

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- brigades. He requested clarification of the members' role in the whole process.
- Cllr. J. Carroll proposed that the Executive prepare a realistic, properly resourced plan.
 - Cllr. N. Bourke stated that, in his opinion, a fire service in Daingean was required for the population in North Offaly. He noted that the fire-fighters had advised him that savings could be achieved.
 - Cllr. P. Clendennen proposed that the members had provided adequate funding, in the sum of €250,000, and that the stations should be re-opened.
 - Cllr. P. Ormond urged that meaningful negotiations take place.
 - Cllr. D. Owens suggested that the estimated over-expenditure of €56,000 was insignificant in the Council's overall budget.
 - Cllr. T. McLoughlin suggested that the national manning levels for the fire service were out of context for the county.
 - Cllr. E. Dooley noted the Executive's advice that the fire service could not work with a compliment of six fire-fighters per brigade, and that he was very conscious of the criminal liability that may apply to members and staff if the brigades were re-opened without adequate staff and health and safety provision. He suggested that the bad practices currently deployed in the service could not continue and noted that the callouts for 2010 had increased by 20%.

Cllr. B. Cowen, Cathaoirleach, noted that there was unanimous support to reject the Draft Plan and unanimous support to re-instate the Daingean and Banagher brigades. He advised that the negotiations were drawn out and that he had anticipated a decision on the efficiency and rationalisation proposal, which had been proposed in good faith, by June 2010. He was dissatisfied that a ballot of the fire-fighters on the proposal had not taken place: such a ballot, if taken, might have allowed the Labour Relations Commission to intervene. He suggested that a sub-committee be formed to meet with the Executive and the firefighters' union and to carry out a thorough review of the finances involved. He advised the members that in the absence of a fully budgeted plan there were no grounds to reinstate the brigades.

The County Manager acknowledged the difficult decision that was before the members and acknowledged the difficulty between balancing the provision of a service to the public, the available finances and the requirement to have regard to the legal matters such as health and safety legislation. He concurred with the members in expressing disappointment that a ballot of the fire-fighters had not taken place. The Manager acknowledged that additional funding had been provided to the service to allow for negotiations on efficiencies to take place. Union

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agreement to efficiencies had not materialised. He informed the meeting that an additional €750,000 was required to provide a properly resourced service in eight stations. He noted that no provision was made in the 2010 Budget for a service in Kilcormac, Daingean or Banagher, outside of anything that might arise out the conditional allocation of €250,000. He reiterated the Cathaoirleach's summation that the Plan had been tabled in September 2009 and that in October 2009 a decision was deferred to the 2009 Budget meeting, where again the decision on the Plan was deferred to June 2010, and thereafter to this meeting. He urged the members to have regard to the legal advice, and drew their particular attention to the conclusion in both solicitor's and senior counsel's advice which had been furnished to the members. He noted that the last time the Council had adopted a Fire & Emergency Operations Plan was in 1996 and that it was not applicable to the standards required in the service today. He advised that a Plan needed to be in line with available resources and have regard to Health and Safety. He reiterated that the Draft Plan provided for a service whose performance in line with published service standards can be measured.

Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., noted the members' disappointment at the manner in which they learned of the standing down of brigades. He advised that this was regrettable but that he was required to inform the fire-fighters of the decision to stand down the brigades with their union representative present. He had contacted the members at the first available opportunity to him. In responding to questions raised, Mr. F. Heslin advised: that he had conducted the negotiations in good faith, having regard to the provisions of the Croke Park agreement; that imposing changes to current work practices was not good HR practice and that he had sought to reach agreement with the unions and had urged them to take a ballot of their members on the proposed efficiency measures; that the staffing arrangements in Banagher and Daingean were not sufficient and, accordingly, these brigades were not in a position to respond to call outs; that fire-fighters were paid when they arrived late for a callout and remained in the station; that Portarlinton was subsidised by Offaly County Council and accordingly Laois had in effect seven and a half brigades which he advised were structured in a different way to Offaly; that estimated figures to year-end had been provided to the members.

Mr. E. O'Ceilleachair, Chief Fire Officer, acknowledged that the attendance at call outs by the fire-fighters was good. However, the numbers employed made the provision of a fire service in Banagher and Daingean unviable. He advised that currently all fire-fighters attend every incident and that the introduction of rostering in the Birr, Edenderry and Tullamore brigades was required to address this matter. He noted that in the period January to

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August 2009 the fire service had attended four hundred and thirty one (431) incidents. For the same period in 2010 they had attended five hundred and seventy (570) incidents.

A further discussion on the issues followed. In responding to the questions raised, the County Manager advised that he would check if extra resources had been sought from the Department, but advised that even if they had, the DoEHLG would say that it provided support for the Council's budget through the block-grant from the Local Government Fund, and that the adoption of a budget was a matter for the council. He acknowledged that complying with health and safety was a significant cost to the fire service and noted that the current 1996 Plan provided no service commitment to the public, but that the Draft Plan did. He was obliged, he added, to inform the members of their legal responsibilities. He stated that individual fire-fighter's concerns should be brought to the attention of the Chief Fire Officer. He also advised that the Council could not unilaterally impose rostering on the fire-fighters and that he regretted that a ballot of the fire-fighters had not taken place. For any motion which sought to compel the re-opening of the fire stations in question to be effective, it would have to be lawful, and have the necessary monies provided.

Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., in responding to questions noted that as a percentage of its overall budget Offaly County Council spent the third highest of all local authorities on its fire service. He stated that the advantage of having a brigade located in Daingean and Banagher was lost as they were not in a position to respond to an incident. He suggested that currently the public had a false sense of security.

Following a further discussion Cllr. B. Cowen, Cathaoirleach, summarised the members' comments as follows:

- the members were unanimous in their rejection of the Draft Plan – this was agreed by the members;
- in the absence of the budget being provided, efficiencies being agreed and having regard to the legal advice the Manager had the authority to stand down the brigades – this was agreed by the members;
- the option of immediate reinstatement of the brigades was not unanimous among the members.

He drew the members' attention to the legal implications advised by the Council's solicitor and by Senior Counsel.

The Cathaoirleach then suggested that a sub-committee be formed to explore the matter with the Executive and Union and to examine the finances and efficiencies that could be achieved. The members agreed to accept in good faith the

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figures agreed by this sub committee. He suggested that should no ballot take place by November 2010 that the matter be referred to the LRC. He reiterated the criminal liability that may be incurred under health and safety legislation.

The Cathaoirleach advised that any member proposing to re-open the brigades that have been stood down should include the alternative sources of funding in their proposals.

The members agreed to break for five minutes to consider the composition of the sub-committee.

Following the break it was agreed that Cllr. B. Cowen would chair the sub-committee. Cllr. T. McKeigue nominated Cllr. L. Quinn and himself to the committee; Cllr. E. Dooley nominated Cllr. G. Plunkett and Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan; Cllr. J. Carroll nominated Cllr. J. Leahy. The membership of the sub-committee was agreed.

A further proposal by Cllr. J. Foley to reinstate the Fire Stations while negotiations with the unions were on-going was ruled out of order by the Cathaoirleach as it did not include or provide the funding to the Manager.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, seconded by Cllr. N. Hogan, the members agreed to hold a Special Meeting of the Council on Monday, 4th October 2010 to review the findings of the sub-committee on the *Plan for Fire and Emergency Operations, Section 26, Fire Services Act 1981*.

**DRAFT DEVELOPMENT
CONTRIBUTION SCHEME
2010 – 2014:**

Mr. D. Kirrane, D.O.S., advised that the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2010-2014 was on public display from 30th July to 13th September, 2010 both dates inclusive. The Scheme proposed the reduction of the commercial charge from €53.20 to €40.00 per square meter with effect from Monday, 4th October 2010. He advised that four submissions were received and the Manager's response/recommendation to them was included in the circulated report.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. C. Hanniffy, the members adopted the Development Contribution Scheme 2010-2014.

**SUSPENSION OF
STANDING ORDERS:**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. S. Dooley, the members agreed to suspend standing orders to allow for the meeting to continue after 6pm.

**TAKING IN CHARGE OF
PRIVATE HOUSING
ESTATE AT HILLVIEW,**

On the proposal of Cllr. L. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. N. Bourke, the members agreed to the Taking in Charge of the private housing estate at Hillview, Rhode.

**RHODE:
TAKING IN CHARGE OF
PRIVATE HOUSING
ESTATE AT BOTTLEY
COURT,
PORTARLINGTON:**

On the proposal of Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. G. Plunkett, the members agreed to the Taking in Charge of the private housing estate at Bottley Court, Portarlington.

**2011 - 2013 MULTI
ANNUAL ROADWORKS
PROGRAMME (RIG):**

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, the members agreed the 2011–2013 Multi Annual Roadwork’s Programme (RIG).

**THE RIVER BASIN
MANAGEMENT PLAN AS
ADOPTED BY THE
MINISTER OF THE
ENVIRONMENT,
HERITAGE & LOCAL
GOVERNMENT:**

Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S., drew the members’ attention to the circulated report summarising the Ministers amendments to the Shannon, South Eastern and Easter River District Management Plans. He noted that a number of the Minister’s amendments were in line with the Council’s submission.

**QUARTERLY FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F., drew the members’ attention to the quarterly financial report which was circulated before the meeting. He advised that the estimated net deficit at the end of 2010 was €26,000. He informed the members’ that the capital reserve, created in previous years, would be fully exhausted in maintaining the deficit in 2010 at €26,000.

Cllr. D. Dolan complimented the staff and members for having the foresight to create a reserve. However, he suggested, that in its absence, serious cutbacks to services were going to be required in 2011.

In responding to queries raised Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F., advised that the DEHLG had advised that there will be a significant reduction in the Local Government Fund in 2011. He outlined the changes, notified by the Department of Transport (DoT), with regard to expenditure that can be claimed for road grant jobs. He advised that the impact of the DoT Memorandum would be approximately €500,000 for Offaly County Council.

The members’ noted the report.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

It was agreed to defer the notices of Motion to the October Monthly meeting.

COMHDHÁLACHA:

The following conferences were agreed by the members:

Waterford Chamber
National Conference
Regeneration “Opportunities for Growth”
Theatre Royal, The Mall, Waterford City
23rd September 2010

Noone expressed an interest in attending this conference

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(cont'd):

Greystones Town Council
Ards Borough Council
LaTouche Legacy
2010 Autumn Seminar
“Local Democracy – in Changing Times”
Charleland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones
1st – 3rd October 2010
It was agreed to send Cllr. Peter Ormond, Cllr. Percy Clendennen and Cllr. Sinead Dooley

National Youth Employment Conference
Croke Park, Jones road, Drumcondra, Dublin 3.
5th October 2010
It was agreed to send Cllr. Johnny Butterfield

Getting a Grip 2010
The Europe Hotel & Resort, Killarney.
7th – 8th October 2010
It was agreed to send Cllr. Percy Clendennen and Cllr. John Carroll

Dr. Douglas Hyde Conference 2010
Abbeyfield Hotel, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon
15th -16th October 2010
It was agreed to send Cllr Peter Ormond and Cllr. Noel Bourke

Planning & Development Amendment Act 2010
Hannon’s Hotel, Athlone Road, Roscommon
15th – 17th October 2010.
Noone expressed an interest in this conference.

Criminal Law (Defence & the Dwelling) Bill 2010
Maldron Hotel, Oranmore, Galway
29th – 31st October 2010.
]It was agreed to send Cllr. Peter Ormond

Retrospective approval is sought in respect of the following Councillors for attending the LAMA Conference:
Cllr. Peter Ormond, Cllr. Barry Cowen, Cllr. Ger Plunkett,
Cllr. Danny Owens,
Cllr. Eamon Dooley

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There were no other matters arising.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES CONFIRMED:

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18TH OCTOBER 2010