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

**HELD IN MONEYGALL COMMUNITY CENTRE, MONEYGALL ON
MONDAY, 20TH MAY 2013 AT 2.00P.M.**

PRESENT:	Cllr. P. Ormond (Presiding), Cllrs. N. Bourke, M. Buckley, J. Butterfield, J. Carroll, P. Clendennen, D. Dolan, E. Dooley, S. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, C. Hanniffy, J. Leahy, T. McKeigue, T. McLoughlin, S. Moylan-Ryan, D. Owens, G. Plunkett, L. Quinn and P. Rowland.
APOLOGIES:	Cllr. N. Hogan.
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager, Mr. D. Kirrane, D.O.S. Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S. Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F., Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator, Mr. A. Murray S.P., Mr. E. Lynch A.P, Ms. A. Walsh E.P., Mr. D. Meehan E.P., Mr. B. Maher E.P., Mr. T. Mawe, Financial Management Accountant, Ms. N. Dowler Community Forum Support Worker, Mr. D. Minton A.O., Ms. A. Pedlow Heritage Officer, Ms. F. Flaherty C.O.
CATHAOIRLEACH'S WELCOME	<p>Cllr. P. Ormond, Cathaoirleach welcomed the members, Council officials, members of the press and the public to the meeting in Moneygall Community Centre. He expressed his sincere thanks to all who had made the occasion possible. He noted that it was two years to the day that the President of the United States Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama had visited the President's ancestral home of Moneygall. He commended the community on the progress made to the village and environs in the interim.</p> <p>Mr. Henry Healy, Moneygall Development Association Ltd. expressed thanks to the Cathaoirleach, Elected Members, Management and staff of Offaly County Council for holding the meeting in Moneygall. He acknowledged the work that had taken place in Moneygall noting in particular the walking routes and newly developed playground. He thanked all concerned, in particular the Heritage and Sports Partnership Offices, for their work. He advised that the Moneygall Development Association Ltd. looked forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Council to increase tourism and to enhance and promote Moneygall and County Offaly.</p> <p>Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager joined with the sentiments of the Cathaoirleach and thanked Moneygall Development Association for the invitation to hold the meeting in Moneygall and thanked them for the hospitality shown. He complemented them on the various projects and initiatives and assured them of the Council's continuing support.</p>

<p>VOTES OF SYMPATHY:</p>	<p>Votes of sympathy were unanimously extended to the following:-</p> <p>The Bryant Family, Mucklagh on the sudden death of Noel Bryant, brother of Ollie and Damien (Staff members of Offaly Local Authorities);</p> <p>Declan Mullally, Rathmore, Portarlinton on the death of his mother, Peg;</p> <p>Grainne Byrne, Garryhinch Cross, Portarlinton on the death of her mother, Christina;</p> <p>Sheila Burns, Coolagarry, Walsh Island on the death of her sister, Christina Keating;</p> <p>Billy Cronly, Convent View, Tullamore on the death of his brother, Sean;</p> <p>Carthage & Lille Hickey, Castletown, Ballycumber on the death of their brother, Frank;</p> <p>John Keane, Arden Vale, Tullamore on the death of his brother, Joe;</p> <p>The Dunican Family, St. Cormacs Park, Kilcormac on the death of Brendan;</p> <p>Liam Corrigan & Family, The Walk, Kinnitty, Birr on the death of his wife, Philomena;</p> <p>Mai Duffy & Family, Clonmacnoise, Shannonbridge on the death of her husband, Paddy;</p> <p>Gretta Callaghan, High Street, Belmont on the death of her husband, Tom.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. T. McKeigue, the minutes of the April Monthly Meeting held in Áras an Chontae, on 15th April 2013 were agreed and adopted.</p>
<p>MINUTES FOR NOTING:</p>	<p>The minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 25th March 2013 were noted.</p>
<p>CONSIDERATION OF MANAGERS REPORT FOR VARIATION NO. 2 OF THE TULLAMORE TOWN AND ENVIRONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2010-2016</p>	<p>Mr. D. Kirrane, D.O.S., informed the meeting that the <i>Proposed Variation No. 2, Tullamore Town and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016</i> comprised of two sections, namely:</p> <p>Part A: Inclusion of a Core Strategy; and</p> <p>Part B: Amend the written statement as follows:</p> <p>a) The inclusion of development standards for landscape buffer areas in Chapter 14.</p>

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- b) The inclusion of the term and explanation 'Landscape Buffer' in Chapter 15 and,
- c) Reduction in width by 50% of a portion of land zoned Open Space to the South of Tullamore at Clonminch providing for an increase of Business/Employment zoned lands.

Ms. B. Maher, E.P., drew the members attention to the circulated report and informed the members that the *Proposed Variation No. 2, Tullamore Town and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016* was on public display from 6th March to 8th April 2013 (both dates inclusive). She advised that six (6) submissions were received and that the variation was considered and adopted at Tullamore Town Council meeting held on Thursday, 9th May 2013. Ms. B. Maher, E.P., outlined each of the submissions and outlined the County Manager's response and recommendation in relation to each.

Ms. B. Maher, E.P., outlined Submission No. 3 received from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government and noted the County Manager's recommendation of 'No Change'. On the proposal of Cllr. S. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. M. Buckley, the members resolved to adopt the County Manager's recommendation.

Ms. B. Maher, E.P., detailed Submission No. 2 received from the Midland Regional Authority. She summarised six (6) elements of the submission which related to Part A: Core Strategy and four (4) elements which related to Part B: Written Statement. She advised that the County Manager welcomed the submission and noted his recommendations. On the proposal of Cllr. S. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. P. Rowland, the members resolved to adopt the County Manager's recommendation in relation to the Core Strategy (Part A). On the proposal of Cllr. M. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. T. McKeigue, the members resolved to adopt the County Manager's recommendation in relation to the submission received relating to Part B.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. D. Dolan, the members resolved to adopt the County Manager's recommendation with regard to Submission No. 1 from the National Roads Authority.

The members resolved, on the proposal of Cllr. S. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. D. Dolan, to adopt the County Manager's recommendation in relation to Submission No. 4 from the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Protection Agency.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. McKeigue, seconded by Cllr. D. Dolan, the members resolved to adopt the County Manager's recommendation with regard to Submission No. 5 from the Department of Education and Skills.

<p>CONSIDERATION OF MANAGERS REPORT FOR VARIATION NO. 2 OF THE TULLAMORE TOWN AND ENVIRONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2010-2016 (cont'd)</p>	<p>The members resolved to adopt the County Manager's recommendation in relation to Submission No. 6 received from Meath County Council on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dolan and seconded by Cllr. M. Buckley.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. S. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. M. Buckley, the members resolved to adopt <i>Variation No. 2 of the Tullamore Town and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016</i> which consist of two parts, Part A: The inclusion of the Core Strategy and Part B: (i) The inclusion of development standards for landscape buffer areas in Chapter 14; (ii) The inclusion of the term and explanation 'Landscape Buffer' in Chapter 15; and (iii) Reduction in width by 50% of a portion of land zoned Open Space to the South of Tullamore at Clonminch providing for an increase of Business/Employment zoned lands, having been placed on public display from Wednesday 6th March to Monday 8th April 2013, and, as considered and agreed at the monthly meeting of Offaly County Council on the 20th May 2013.</p> <p>The members joined with the Cathaoirleach in thanking the Management Team and Planning staff and all involved in preparing the Planning Reports.</p>
<p>REVIEW OF THE OFFALY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009-2015 – MEMBERS' DIRECTIONS REGARDING THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN</p>	<p>Mr. D. Kirrane D.O.S drew the members' attention to the Pre-Draft Consultation Stage of the development of the <i>Draft Offaly County Development Plan 2014-2020</i>. He advised that staff from the Forward Planning Section had given a presentation to each of the Area Committees. Mr. D. Kirrane advised that, in accordance with the legislation, members may issue directions to the Manager regarding the preparation of the Draft Development Plan and that these directions might consist of concerns that members would like to see addressed or policies and/or objectives that members would like to see incorporated into the Draft Development Plan. He noted that the directions must be strategic in nature, consistent with the draft core strategy, shall take account of the statutory obligations of the Council, relevant policies or objectives of the Government or of any Minister of the Government. He stressed that the members shall be restricted to considering proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates.</p> <p>Cllr. T. McKeigue advised that the following directions were considered by the members of the Tullamore Area Committee, at their meeting held on 7th May 2013. On the proposal of Cllr. D. Owens, seconded by Cllr. M. Buckley, the following directions to the Manager were agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Request that the Wind Strategy is strengthened. b) Request that a policy be examined for inclusion relating to the reuse of quarries, including industrial use. c) Request that the plan should be pro-active in accommodating family circumstances, in respect of rural housing. d) Request that the plan specifies Durrow monastic site

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and includes wording to reflect the desire to bring it up to international standards.

- e) Request that in relation to rural development, Start-ups should be looked upon favourably and that the Council continues to be pro-active in relation to promotion of rural enterprises.
- f) Request that the Grand Canal should be included in the plan.
- g) Request that a positive policy should be included in the Plan in relation to energy efficiency.

Cllr. P. Clendennen advised that the following directions were considered by the members of the Birr Area Committee at their meeting held on 9th May 2013. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. T. McLoughlin, the following directions to the Manager were adopted:

- a) There is a need to address the centre of villages and Sráids, particularly relating to brownfield sites.
- b) Derelict sites need to be addressed, to assist in addressing any development needs ahead of considering greenfield sites.
- c) Include a policy in the plan relating to employment generating opportunities in Birr.
- d) Include a section in the plan that relates to the Tourism potential and associated economic development of the Slieve Blooms.
- e) The Executive is to examine a policy to allow for the undergrounding of cables, particularly relating to wind energy developments.
- f) Examine policies to promote harnessing of energy for heating from other sources of combined heat and power to prevent energy leakage.
- g) Considering the employment history of the peatlands, the Executive is to examine extending the lifetime of the peatlands as employment generators.
- h) Ensure that consolidated retail development takes place in Town Centres in future.
- i) Ensure that the plan promotes the family farm.
- j) Support to be given to the wider use of the workhouse in Birr as long as it is in keeping with the ethos of the workhouse and that development should not impinge on its historic merits.
- k) Include flexibility in the plan for industrial proposals.
- l) Include policies to promote access to high speed telecommunications in rural areas.
- m) The plan should include a level of flexibility in relation to the design of houses.
- n) Small turbines – the need to be cautious when granting these as over proliferation can have a visual impact on the countryside.
- o) Examine contribution charges that currently apply for car parking in town centres.
- p) Promote completion of unfinished developments.
- q) The plan to examine a signage strategy considering that on approach from the M4/M6 and the M7, it is not

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clear that Offaly is a tourist area.

- r) Maintenance of the N52 and N62 roads due to their strategic role in relation to the whole development of South Offaly.
- s) Include policies to place more emphasis on communities.
- t) That the current policy under the present development plan regarding one off housing remain the same in the Birr Electoral Area and where there is a local need requirement they should be allowed to build their own house, even if there are vacant houses in the area concerned.

Cllr. J. Leahy advised that the following directions arose at the Ferbane Area Committee meeting, held on 7th May 2013. On the proposal of Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, seconded by Cllr. C. Hanniffy, the following directions to the Manager were agreed:

- a) Request that a policy be included in the plan regarding sustainable energy technologies such as rainwater harvesting.
- b) Request that the area of development levies for car parking be examined, as the charges are considered excessive and are hindering development.
- c) Include a policy relating to water based/recreational activities for peatlands like Noggus Boy Bog that may be suitable for such uses.
- d) Request that the plan examines areas close to the Westmeath border as areas that may be suited to wind energy and are not included in our current strategy.
- e) Requests that the plan include a section that will discuss links with other towns outside the County and encourage employment opportunities.
- f) Requests that the plan should consider reducing restrictions in rural areas in relation to business opportunities.
- g) The plan should include provision for extensions to burial grounds and that consideration be given to handing Council graveyards back to communities to allow them to be cared for by the community.

Cllr. N. Bourke outlined the following directions which had arisen at the Edenderry Area Committee meeting, held on 9th May 2013. On the proposal of Cllr. G. Plunkett, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, the following directions to the Manager were agreed:

- a) Those applicants who meet the present local need requirement should continue to be allowed build in the countryside, even where there are vacant houses in the area.
- b) Encourage and promote foreign, national and local investment emphasising the improved road access to and from the North Offaly area and proximity to the main air and sea ports in Dublin.
- c) In relation to industrial units, potential investors should be given the option of using units which are vacant at present or building new purpose built units.

<p>REVIEW OF THE OFFALY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009-2015 – MEMBERS’ DIRECTIONS REGARDING THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (cont’d)</p>	<p>d) As regards wind energy, turbines should be located within the Wind Strategy Areas and each location in that area should be assessed in its own right as all locations will not be suitable for varying reasons.</p> <p>e) The Edenderry Area Committee wish to highlight that the height, visual impact, possible flicker and density of turbines are matters of concern and each case needs to be carefully considered.</p> <p>f) Promote and encourage green technology, such as rainwater harvesting, solar energy etc in new and existing developments.</p> <p>g) The provision of cycle lanes is very important and should be promoted where appropriate, particularly as retrofitting can be difficult to implement.</p> <p>h) Include policies or measures to promote the development of Town Centres which have suffered badly in recent years.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. M. Buckley, the members resolved in accordance with the provisions of Section 11(4)(d) of the <i>Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)</i> to issue the directions to the County Manager in relation to the preparation of the draft <i>Offaly County Development Plan 2014-2020</i>.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Ormond, Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that the Corporate Policy Group had earlier recommended that an In Committee briefing meeting be held to consider the Council’s current Wind Strategy. The members’ welcomed this proposal.</p>
<p>ANNUAL REPORT 2012</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. C. Hanniffy, the members resolved to adopt the <i>Annual Report 2012</i>, as circulated.</p>
<p>ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2012 / OVER-EXPENDITURE</p>	<p>Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F , drew the members’ attention to the <i>Un-Audited Annual Financial Statement, Offaly County Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2012</i>, which was circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Mr. D. Conlon informed the members that there was an overall deficit of €1,295,734 (2.21% of total expenditure) and that the gross excess expenditure over budget was €9,800,123. He advised that recoupments, contra income, additional unbudgeted income and cost savings counterbalanced this excess expenditure to give a net deficit for 2012 of €1,295,734.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. T. McKeigue, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy, the members resolved to approve and adopt the over expenditure for 2012 in the sum of €1,295,734.</p>

<p>FINANCIAL REPORT:</p> <p>(i) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY UPDATE</p> <p>(ii) QUARTER 1, 2013</p>	<p>(i) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY UPDATE</p> <p>Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager gave a comprehensive presentation on Local Government Efficiency Programme. He noted the major sectoral reform programmes currently underway nationally including <i>Putting People First</i>, the transition to Irish Water and the delivery of Shared Services. He informed the members that Local Government staff had reduced by 8,889 (24%) and that procurement savings in the sum of €106m were achieved since 2012. He highlighted to the members the impact that these reform programmes on Offaly County Council noting the challenging environment for Local Authorities, both individually and collectively.</p> <p>The members thanked the County Manager for his informative presentation and acknowledged the work being undertaken within current resources. The efficiencies achieved by Offaly County Council were acknowledged and welcomed by the members.</p> <p>(ii) QUARTER 1, 2013</p> <p>Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F., drew the members’ attention to the <i>Quarter 1 Revenue Account Income and Expenditure Summary Report</i> which was circulated at the meeting. He noted the over-expenditure in water services and public lighting costs and advised the members that the Executive will continue to monitor expenditure closely.</p> <p>In responding to questions raised Mr. D. Conlon advised that the Council are liaising with the Revenue Commissioners and the Department with regard to the Council’s liability for the Local Property Tax. He advised that he would keep the members apprised of developments in this area.</p>
<p>HERITAGE OFFICE WORK PROGRAMME 2013</p>	<p>Ms. A. Pedlow, Heritage Officer gave an informative presentation to the members outlining the various works undertaken by the Heritage Office during the past year. She highlighted the projects which were achieved by collaboration with other individuals, groups and interested bodies. The members welcomed the publication of “<i>The Geology of Laois & Offaly</i>” written by Mr. John Feehan and published by Offaly County Council. It was agreed to formally write to Mr. Feehan and congratulate him on the publication.</p> <p>The members thanked Ms. A. Pedlow for her excellent presentation and acknowledged the work being done.</p>
<p>THE DUBLIN DECLARATION 2013 ON AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p>	<p>Ms. Niamh Dowler, Community Forum Support Worker gave a detailed presentation on the <i>Dublin Declaration 2013 on Age Friendly Cities and Communities</i>. She outlined to the members what the Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme involves noting how it works and explained why Offaly should consider signing the Dublin</p>

	<p>Declaration.</p> <p>The members thanked Ms. N. Dowler for her informative presentation. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. S. Dooley, the members resolved to sign the <i>Dublin Declaration 2013 on Age Friendly Cities and Communities</i>.</p>
<p>SUPPORTING ENTERPRISE, LOCAL DEVELOPMENT & ECONOMIC GROWTH</p>	<p>Mr. D. Minton, A.O. Economic Development, gave a comprehensive update to the members on Economic Development in Offaly. He drew the members' attention to the CCMA's 2012 Report - <i>Supporting Enterprise, Local Development and Economic Growth</i>. He highlighted the policies and strategies that Offaly Local Authorities have adopted to support local enterprises and listed practical ways that the Council contributes to the local community. He informed the members that in 2012 Offaly Local Authorities delivered a programme of works worth over €33,500,000 supporting the local economy and contributed nearly €5.5 million directly to local economic development.</p> <p>The members thanked Mr. D. Minton for the presentation stressing the importance of working in partnership with other organisations.</p>
<p>CORPORATE POLICY GROUP REPORT:</p>	<p>Cllr. P. Ormond, Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that the Council Agenda was considered and a list of conferences was approved at the Corporate Policy Group meeting held earlier that day. He advised that the Group had recommended that a briefing meeting be arranged for members regarding Offaly County Council's current Wind Strategy.</p>
<p>NOTICES OF MOTION:</p>	<p>(i) The following motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, and agreed:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>“That Offaly County Council supports the decision of the Government to introduce a reduced rate of VAT at 9% for the food, tourism and hospitality sectors almost two years ago to help create jobs in these sectors, and that Offaly County Council now supports the campaign to keep VAT at 9% into 2014 and beyond.”</i></p> <p>(ii) The following motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, and agreed:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>“That Offaly calls on the Government to withdraw the onerous penalties for the self-employed in the event they do not pay the property tax.”</i></p> <p>(iii) The following motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy, and agreed:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>“That Offaly Co. Council write to the Garda Commissioner requesting that Garda recruitment will resume as soon as possible”</i></p>

<p>NOTICES OF MOTION: (cont'd)</p>	<p>It was agreed to circulate this motion to all councils and to write to the Garda Commissioner and the Minister for Justice, Equality & Defence.</p>
<p>COMHDHÁLACHA:</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. D. Owens, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, conferences were approved as follows:</p> <p><i>“Training Seminar – Creative Multimedia” Cahir House Hotel, Cahir, Co. Tipperary 24th – 26th May 2013 It was agreed that no councillors would attend.</i></p> <p><i>“Training Seminar – Local Authority Compliance with European Law & Directives” Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal 24th – 26th May 2013 It was agreed Cllr. J. Butterfield would attend.</i></p> <p><i>“Cork County Mayors Conference – Strategies for maximising the positive impacts of tourism” 24th – 25th May 2013 Youghal It was agreed that no councillors would attend.</i></p> <p><i>“Key Energy Issues affecting Ireland” Council Offices, Swords, Fingal, Dublin Friday 7th June 2013 It was agreed that no councillors would attend.</i></p> <p><i>“Ace Training – European Legislation and Local Authorities” Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth 7th – 9th June 2013 It was agreed that no councillors would attend.</i></p> <p><i>Tgr Seminars – “How Councillors can successfully access funding to help community programmes” Grainne Suite, Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare 7th -8th June 2013 It was agreed that no councillors would attend.</i></p> <p><i>“Elected Members Training Seminar – Standards for Rented Houses” Westport Plaza Hotel, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co. Mayo 7th – 8th June 2013 It was agreed Cllr. M. Buckley would attend.</i></p> <p><i>“Training Seminar – The Development Plan and the Elected Member” Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal 7th – 9th June 2013 It was agreed that no councillors would attend.</i></p> <p><i>“Elected Members Training Seminar – Supporting Enterprise, Local Development and Economic Growth” The Connacht Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway</i></p>

<p>COMHDHÁLACHA: (cont'd)</p>	<p><i>14th – 15th June 2013</i> It was agreed Cllr. C. Hanniffy would attend.</p> <p><i>“TGR Seminars – Putting people first, electoral boundary shake up and Local Government Reform”</i> <i>Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare</i> <i>14th – 15th June 2013</i> It was agreed that no councillors would attend.</p> <p><i>“Local Government: Learning from the Environment”</i> <i>Hylands Burren Hotel, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare</i> <i>14th – 15th June 2013</i> It was agreed that no councillors would attend.</p> <p><i>“Regional Assemblies Joint Annual Conference - Contribution of Cohesion and Urban Policy to Economic Recovery”</i> <i>Royal Hospital, Kilmainham</i> <i>Wednesday 19th June 2013</i> It was agreed Cllrs. C. Hanniffy & T. McKeigue would attend.</p> <p><i>“Training Seminar for Councillors - Local Elections 2014”</i> <i>West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen, Co. Cork.</i> <i>12th - 13th July 2013</i> It was agreed Cllrs. M. Buckley & P. Clendennon would attend.</p> <p><i>“Training Seminar for Councillors - Fund raising event for the Simon community - Homelessness in Ireland”</i> <i>Claregalway Hotel, Claregalway, Co Galway.</i> <i>31 July – 1 August 2013.</i> It was agreed Cllr. C. Hanniffy would attend.</p>
<p>COMHFHREAGRAS:</p>	<p>The correspondences circulated with the Agenda were noted.</p>
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</p>	<p>Job Incentive Scheme Cllr. T. McLoughlin sought clarification with regard to the continuation of the Job Initiative Scheme. Mr. D. Kirrane, D.O.S. advised that FAS have stopped funding the Scheme and that the Council is currently examining its financial commitment of the Scheme.</p> <p>Croatian Ambassador, Her Excellency Jasna Ognjanovac On the proposal of Cllr. M. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. S. Dooley, the members agreed to extend a written welcome to the Croatian Ambassador Her Excellency Jasna Ognjanovac on the occasion of her visit to Tullamore Business and Professional Women’s Club meeting in Tullamore.</p>

<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS: (cont'd)</p>	<p><i>Local Government Act 2001;</i> <i>Local Government (Tenure of Office of Managers) Regulations 2011; and</i> <i>Local Government (Tenure of Office of Managers) (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2012</i></p> <p>Cllr. P. Ormond, Cathaoirleach advised the members that Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager had forwarded correspondence to him dated 7th May 2013 advising that that he intended to avail of the above Regulations and extend his tenure of appointment for a further three year period. The members welcomed the information, noted that the procedure had been complied with and advised that they looked forward to continue to work with the Manager and Staff for the development of the county.</p>
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This concluded the business of the meeting.

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17th June 2013