

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE UÍBH FHAILÍ

**MINUTES OF STATUTORY BUDGET 2014 MEETING
OF OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TULLAMORE
ON FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER 2013 AT 10.00 A.M.**

PRESENT:	Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan (Presiding), Cllrs. N. Bourke, M. Buckley, J. Butterfield, J. Carroll, P. Clendennen, D. Dolan, E. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, C. Hanniffy, J. Leahy, T. McKeigue, P. Ormond D. Owens, G. Plunkett, and P. Rowland.
APOLOGIES:	Cllrs. N. Hogan, T. McLoughlin, S. Dooley, and L. Quinn.
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager, Mr. D. Kirrane, D.O.S., Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S., Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F., Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator, T. Mawe, Financial Management Accountant and Ms. F. Flaherty, C.O.

BUDGET 2014:

Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, Cathaoirleach opened the Statutory Budget Meeting and invited Mr. D. Conlon, Head of Finance to resume his comments in relation to the Draft Budget 2014.

Mr. D. Conlon, HOF drew the meetings attention to Table A of the Draft Budget book, as presented to the members.

Table A:

Summary by Service Division	Expenditure	Income	Estimated 2014 Net Expenditure
	€	€	€
Gross Revenue Expenditure & Income			
A Housing and Building	6,753,061	6,171,139	581,922
B Road Transport & Safety	10,581,418	7,363,819	3,217,599
C Water Services	11,128,245	12,030,438	-902,193
D Development Management	3,974,760	1,241,397	2,733,363
E Environmental Services	6,177,361	1,685,730	4,491,631
F Recreation and Amenity	2,655,716	440,786	2,214,930
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,423,383	2,019,463	403,920
H Miscellaneous Services	9,987,046	6,225,883	3,761,163
	53,680,990	37,178,655	16,502,335

Minus County Charge			2,078,800
Provision for Debit Balance			550,000
Adjusted Gross Expenditure & Income (A)	53,680,990	37,178,655	14,973,535
Provision for Credit balance			
Local Government Fund /General Purpose Grant			5,059,420
Pension Related Deduction			950,924
			6,010,344
Amount of Rates to be Levied C=(A-B)			8,963,191
Net Effective Valuation (D)			157,898
General Annual Rate on Valuation (C)/(D)			56.7658

The Cathaoirleach invited the members to comment on the Draft Budget 2014.

A lengthy discussion ensued following which Cllr. E. Dooley proposed two amendments to the Draft Budget 2014, detailed as follows:

That an addition sum of €100,000 be allocated to A0101 Maintenance of LA Housing Units and that this sum should be balanced as follows:

- Increased income from Housing rents €6,000
- Reduce G0405 Other Animal Welfare Services (incl. Horse Control) €10,000
- Reduce G0505 Contribution to VEC €4,000
- Reduce H0301 Administration of Rates Office €10,000
- Reduce H1001 Motor Taxation Operation €10,000

Cllr. E. Dooley advised that he had considered the proposal made at the meeting held on Monday, 16th December by Cllr. T. McKeigue and advised that he now also wished to propose that a sum of €5,000 be assigned to the Leas Cathaoirleach and according that H0902 Chair/Vice Chair Allowances would be increase by this amount and that the €5,000 be allocated from H0901 Representational Payments.

Cllr. J. Leahy seconded the proposal. Cllr. T. McKeigue welcomed the proposed amendments.

Cllr. D. Dolan welcomed the proposed increase to pre-letting repairs. He proposed that the Cathaoirleach's allowance be reduced to provide €5,000 to be assigned to the Leas Cathaoirleach. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll.

Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan noted the general agreement in respect of the first section of Cllr. E. Dooley's proposal and the members agreed on the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy, to allocate the additional sum of €100,000 to pre-letting repairs.

A lengthy discussion followed in relation to the allocation of a payment to the Leas Cathaoirleach. Cllr. E. Dooley amended his original proposal and proposed that the Leas Cathaoirleach be paid an annual allowance of €5,000 and that this sum should be attained by reducing the member's expenses (H0904) and that the payment would become effective from the election of the new Council in 2014. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy.

Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, Cathaoirleach then called for a roll-call on Cllr. E. Dooley's proposal, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy, the outcome of which was:

Those in favour: Cllrs. N. Bourke, E. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Leahy, S. Moylan-Ryan, P. Ormond, D. Owens, G. Plunkett and P. Rowland.

Those Against: Cllrs. M. Buckley, J. Butterfield, J. Carroll, P. Clendennen, D. Dolan, C. Hanniffy, T. McKeigue.

Absent: Cllrs. S. Dooley, J. Foley, N. Hogan, T. McLoughlin and L. Quinn.

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. E. Dooley's motion to be carried and the Budget 2014 adopted subject to the two amendments proposed by Cllr. E. Dooley.

ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL ANNUAL RATE OF VALUATION

On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. D. Dolan, the members resolved to adopt the General Annual Rate of Valuation to be levied at 56.7658. This represented no increase on the 2013 General Annual Rate of Valuation.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES CONFIRMED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH **RUNAÍ**

27th JANUARY 2014