

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE UÍBH FHAILÍ

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

**HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CHARLEVILLE ROAD, TULLAMORE
ON MONDAY, 28TH APRIL 2014 AT 2.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, Cathaoirleach (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, J. Leahy, T. McKeigue, T. McLoughlin, P. Ormond, D. Owens, and L. Quinn,
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr. S. Murray, County Manager, Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F, Mr. D. Kirrane, D.O.S, Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator, Mr. P. Scully, Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Ms. F. Flaherty C.O.
APOLOGIES	Cllrs. G. Plunkett, P. Rowland.
SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS	On the proposal of Cllr. S. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn, it was agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the members to continue with the discussion in relation to the Draft Offaly County Development Plan. The April Monthly meeting resumed at 2.25p.m.
VOTES OF SYMPATHY:	Votes of sympathy were unanimously extended to the following:- Mrs. Susan Murphy & Family, Arden Vale, Tullamore on the death of her husband, Michael; Mrs. Muriel Cobbe & Family, Gormagh, Tullamore on the death of her husband, Noel; Marie Spain, Knockowen Road, Tullamore on the death of her mother, Maureen; Peter Waters, Knockowen Road, Tullamore on the death of his father, Sean; Mary Cummins, Aharney, Tullamore on the death of her brother, Sean Waters; Michael Boland, Killyon, Birr on the death of his father William; Ann Marie Ryan, Ballincur, Kinnitty, Birr on the death of her mother, Ellen O' Brien; Sr. Cecilia Flynn, Convent of Mercy, Tullamore on the death of her brother John Joe.

	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.
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:	On the proposal of Cllr. S. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. M. Buckley, the minutes of the March monthly meeting held in Áras An Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on 24th March 2014 were agreed and adopted.
MINUTES FOR NOTING:	The minutes of the following meetings were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 17th February 2014; - Edenderry Area Committee held in Town Hall, Edenderry on 4th September 2013; - In-Committee Edenderry Area Committee re Municipal Districts held in Town Hall, Edenderry on 4th December 2013 ; - Edenderry Area Committee meeting held in Town Hall, Edenderry on 4th December 2013; - Edenderry Area Committee meeting held in Town Hall, Edenderry on 5th February 2014; - Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee held in Aras an Chontae, Tullamore on 3rd February 2014.
APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY MANAGER	Mr. S. Murray informed the members that under Section 145 of the Local Government Act 2001, Ms. Colette Byrne was recommended for appointment to the post of County Manager, Offaly County Council by the Public Appointments Service. On the proposal of Cllr. D. Owens, seconded by Cllr. T. McLoughlin, the members' approved the recommendation of the Public Appointments Service and to the appointment of Ms. Colette Byrne to the County Manager post.
S.183 NOTICE - DISPOSAL OF SITE NO.8 KYLEBEG, BANAGHER, CO. OFFALY	On the proposal of Cllr. S. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll, the members' agreed to the disposal of land at Site No. 8, Kylebeg, Banagher, Co. Offaly in accordance with the terms of the S.183 notice dated 10 th April 2014.
ISSUING OF LOCAL ELECTION POLLING INFORMATION CARDS	Ms. M. Cleary informed the members that under Section 27(8) of the <i>Local Government Act, 2001</i> , the issuing of Local Election Polling Information Cards is a reserved function of the members. On the proposal of Cllr. L. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. S. Dooley, the members agreed to proceed with the issuing of polling information cards for the forthcoming Local Elections.
DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD – ROAD NORTH OF CROGHAN VILLAGE	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn and in accordance with Section 11 of the <i>Roads Act, 1993</i> the proposal was agreed and adopted by the members.
ANNUAL REPORT 2013	On the proposal of Cllr. M. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. N.

	<p>Hogan, the <i>Annual Report 2013</i> was agreed and adopted by the members.</p>
<p>AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2013</p>	<p>Mr. Peter Scully, Chairperson of the Audit Committee, gave a brief overview of the <i>Audit Committee Annual Report 2013</i> that was circulated in advance of the meeting. He noted the committee members, number of meetings held, the role of the Audit Committee and outlined the Committee's objectives for 2013.</p> <p>Mr. P. Scully raised concerns in relation to the Internal Auditor's part-time assignment to the Internal Audit function. He acknowledged that due to reduction in staff numbers there was possibly no alternative available to the County Manager.</p> <p>In concluding his report Mr. P. Scully thanked the committee members, council staff and elected members for their continued support over the last 5 years and advised that a new Audit Committee will be selected by the new council.</p> <p>The members acknowledged the work of the Audit Committee and thanked Mr. P. Scully for his comments and work over the last 5 years.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. D. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. N. Hogan, the <i>Audit Committee Annual Report 2013</i> was agreed and adopted by the members.</p>
<p>CORPORATE POLICY GROUP REPORT:</p>	<p>Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, Cathaoirleach reported on the Corporate Policy Group meeting. She advised that Mr. D. Kirrane, D.O.S., provided an update in relation to Municipal Districts. He advised that the newly formed Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) had held their first meeting and that under new guidelines issued, up to 17 nominations may be made to the LCDC. The Cathaoirleach advised of the establishment of the Public Participation Network (PPN).</p> <p>Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that the Corporate Policy Group had considered the Council Agenda and approved the conference list.</p>
<p>NOTICES OF MOTION:</p>	<p>(i) The following motion was proposed by Cllr. L. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. T. McKeigue and agreed by the members:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"That this Council rejects Waterways Ireland proposed amendments to the Canal By-Laws."</i></p> <p>It was agreed by the members to write to Inland Waterways Association Ireland rejecting the proposed amendments and to request that a meeting with the Councillors' be arranged.</p> <p>(ii) The following motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. T. McKeigue and agreed by</p>

**NOTICES OF MOTION:
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the members:

“That Offaly County Council follows up on the work done to identify alternative ways of doing bath to shower adaptations for people with a disability and older people.”

- (iii) The following motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. T. McKeigue, and adopted by the members:

“That Offaly County Council will review in conjunction with the Gardai the road safety at schools in the County.”

The members identified a number of schools where there are recurring road safety concerns. It was agreed that the Council would work in conjunction with the Gardaí, Parents Councils, Boards of Management and school principals to address any issues.

- (iv) The following motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Ormond and T. McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and agreed by the members:

“That Offaly County Council and the new Birr Municipal District would ring-fence funds remaining in the Capital account of Birr Town Council for developments in the Birr Town and environs area.”

Mr. S. Murray informed the members that under the *Local Government (Reform) Act, 2014*, all funds will transfer to Offaly County Council.

COMHDHÁLACHA:

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. N. Hogan, conferences were approved as follows:

Training Seminar – Service Provision in Local Authorities
The Connacht Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway
2nd – 3rd May 2014

It was agreed no member would attend.

Training Seminar – Getting your Vote out (Final Ballot Box to Council Chamber Module)

Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
2nd – 4th May 2014

It was agreed no member would attend.

Training Seminar – River Flooding and Management Issues
Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
2nd – 4th May 2014

It was agreed no member would attend.

Training Seminar – Reform Local Government & the Councillor

Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co. Wexford
9th – 10th May 2014

COMHDHÁLACHA (contd):	<p>It was agreed no member would attend.</p> <p>Training Seminar – Managing Change in Local Government The Quality Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry 9th – 11th May 2014 It was agreed no member would attend.</p> <p>Induction Course to new Councils for Councillors Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal 13th – 15th June 2014 It was agreed no member would attend.</p> <p>Byrne Perry Summer School Gorey, Co. Wexford 27th – 29th June 2014 It was agreed no member would attend.</p> <p>Retrospective Approval for Training Seminar by BG Seminarz Held in The Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal 25th – 27th April 2014. Cllr. N. Hogan’s attendance was approved.</p>
COMHFHREAGRAS:	<p>The correspondences circulated with the Agenda were noted.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Dooley drew the members’ attention to the Notice of Motion received from Limerick County. Her proposal to support the motion was seconded by Cllr. M. Buckley and agreed by the members.</p>
ANY OTHER BUSINESS:	<p><u>Tinnycross Group Housing Development</u> Mr. S. Murray, Co. Manager advised that he was not in a position to comment, as he had not received prior notice of Cllr. D. Owen’s query in relation to proposed Group Housing development in the area. It was agreed that Cllr. D. Owens would discuss this matter with S.E.O. in Housing.</p> <p><u>Irish Water Update</u> Mr. S. Murray informed the members that the Irish Water call centre for customer queries and complaints will commence on 29th April 2014. He noted that issues in relation to business (non-domestic) account queries, surface water drainage and flood management will continue to be dealt with directly by Offaly County Council. All other queries should be addressed to the Irish Water call centre.</p> <p><u>May Monthly Meeting 2014</u> Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan informed the members that the May Monthly Meeting will be held in Banagher on 19th May.</p>

This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES CONFIRMED: _____
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19th May 2014