

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE UÍBH FHAILÍ

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

**HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CHARLEVILLE ROAD, TULLAMORE
ON MONDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2015 AT 2.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Cllr. S. Dooley, Cathaoirleach (Presiding), Cllrs. N. Bourke, J. Carroll, J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, D. Dolan, E. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, D. Harvey, B. Killeavy, J. Leahy, T. McKeigue, F. Moran, C. Nolan, M. O'Reilly, P. Ormond, D. Owens and L. Quinn
IN ATTENDANCE:	Ms. C. Byrne, Chief Executive, Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F, Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., Mr. D. Kirrane, D.O.S, Mr. T. Shanahan, A/D.O.S, Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator, Ms. F. Flaherty C.O.
VOTES OF SYMPATHY:	<p>Votes of sympathy were unanimously extended to the following:-</p> <p>The Kearney Family, Killane, Edenderry on the death of their mother, Gertie;</p> <p>The Geoghegan Family, 4 The Green, Clara on the death of their father, Christy;</p> <p>Mrs. Betty Duffy, New Road, Clara on the death of her husband, Anthony;</p> <p>Mrs. Margaret Clarke, 15 Kearney Park, Tullamore on the death of her husband, Paddy;</p> <p>Mr. Desmond Kennedy, Patrick Street, Portarlington on the death of his mother, Helen;</p> <p>Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Mary Smith, Bulfin Park, Birr on the death of their son, Ian;</p> <p>Mr. Pat McLoughlin, 70 Arden Vale, Tullamore on the death of his wife, Joan</p> <p>The Chief Executive, on her own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council joined with the members in these votes of sympathy.</p>
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:	On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens, the members resolved to adopt the minutes of December Monthly Meeting held in Áras an Chontae, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on 15th December 2014.
MINUTES FOR NOTING:	The minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held in Áras an Chontae, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on 10 th November 2014 were noted.

<p>S183 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001, AS AMMENDED - DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD INTEREST IN 4.96AC/2HA AT SYCAMORE DRIVE, BALLYCUMBER:</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens, the members resolved to the disposal of freehold interest in lands at Sycamore Drive, Ballycumber in accordance with the terms of the S.183 notice dated 18th December 2014.</p>
<p>OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. D. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. N. Cribbin, the members approved an overdraft accommodation in the sum of €15m for the year 2015.</p>
<p>ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:</p>	<p>Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator drew the members' attention to the Annual Declaration of Interests, which had been previously circulated, and advised that they must be completed and returned by 31st January 2015.</p>
<p>DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens, the members agreed to the Draft Schedule of Meetings as circulated.</p> <p>Cllr. L. Quinn noted that the monthly meetings of Municipal District of Edenderry and the Transportation and Emergency S.P.C. meetings were scheduled for the same dates and time and he suggested that at this be discussed at S.P.C.</p>
<p>REVIEW OF OFFALY CO. COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS:</p>	<p>Cllr. S. Dooley, Cathaoirleach, informed the meeting that they had agreed at the July Council meetings to review the Standing Orders in January 2015.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. B. Killeavy, seconded by Cllr. J. Clendennen, the members resolved to amend the timeframe for receipt of Notices of Motions to 10 days (from 14 days).</p> <p>The members agreed to continue to hold monthly meetings at both Municipal District and plenary Council level.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. B. Killeavy, seconded by Cllr. J. Clendennen, the members agreed to the Standing Orders, as amended.</p>
<p>MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT:</p>	<p>Cllr. S. Dooley, Cathaoirleach drew the members' attention to the management report that had been circulated.</p>
<p>CORPORATE POLICY GROUP REPORT:</p>	<p>Cllr. S. Dooley, Cathaoirleach advised that the Corporate Policy Group had met on 12th January 2015 to consider the January Monthly Council Agenda. She advised that the CPG had approved the list of conferences and training courses for circulation. She also advised that the CPG had considered a Draft of the proposed Business Incentive Grant Scheme and that it would be included on the February Council meeting agenda.</p>

<p>NOTICES OF MOTION:</p>	<p>i. The following motion was proposed by Cllr. B. Killeavy, seconded by Cllr. P. Ormond:</p> <p><i>“I call on council management to provide councillors with a breakdown of the road salting service the council provides in winter.”</i></p> <p>During the ensuing discussion a number of members raised concerns in relation to salting in villages and at various locations throughout the county. Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S. advised that the <i>Winter Service Plan 2014-2015</i> was available on the Council website. It was agreed to consider the issues raised at the next Transportation and Emergency Services SPC.</p> <p>ii. The following motion was proposed by Cllr. C. Nolan, seconded by Cllr. B. Killeavy:</p> <p><i>“We call on Offaly County Council to promote the use of local goods and services to a greater extent.”</i></p> <p>Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F. informed the meeting that the Council is obliged to work in accordance with national procurement frameworks and agreements. He noted that the Council’s Procurement Officer had held a number of training courses in 2014 to raise awareness of the frameworks and to assist businesses and suppliers in registering and competing for contracts. It was agreed that the Procurement Officer would give a presentation to the members at a future date.</p>
<p>COMHDHÁLACHA:</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. T. McKeigue, seconded by Cllr. P. Ormond, conferences and training seminars were approved as follows:</p> <p><u>CONFERENCES:</u> ACE Management & Training <i>“The Finance Act 2014”</i> 23rd – 25th January 2015 Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth. €100 plus travel & subsistence <i>It was agreed no councillor would attend.</i></p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Department of Environment, Community and Local Government <i>“Regenerating Local Spaces through Effective Community Planning”</i> 26th February 2015 Dublin Castle. No fee – travel and subsistence <i>It was agreed Cllrs. T. McKeigue and J. Clendennen would attend.</i></p>
<p>COMHFHREAGRAS:</p>	<p>The correspondences that issued with the Agenda were noted.</p>

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:	<p><u>Offaly Greenways Strategy</u> Ms. C. Byrne, Chief Executive, drew the members’ attention to the public information meetings organised in relation to the Offaly Greenways Strategy. She encouraged members to promote public participation at these meetings.</p> <p><u>Start Your Own Business Course</u> Ms. C. Byrne, Chief Executive, informed the members that a number of training courses in relation to starting up your own business will take place in the coming weeks in Edenderry, Birr and Tullamore, details of which can be found on https://www.localenterprise.ie/Offaly/News/.</p> <p><u>2016 Commemorations</u> Cllr. S. Dooley, Cathaoirleach informed members that the Offaly 2016 Commemoration Committee had agreed to invite submissions to support the development of a reflective and imaginative commemoration programme for Offaly. The closing date for submissions, she advised, was 19th February 2015 and she encouraged all present to promote this initiative.</p>
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This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES CONFIRMED: _____
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16th February 2015