

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE UÍBH FHAILÍ

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

**HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CHARLEVILLE ROAD, TULLAMORE
ON MONDAY, 20TH APRIL 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:	Mr. D. Conlon, A/Chief Executive, 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. L. Conroy, Internal Auditor; Mr. P. Scully, Chairman Audit Committee; Ms. F. Flaherty C.O.
APOLOGIES:	Ms. C. Byrne, Chief Executive
SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, it was agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the members to discuss in-committee the Offaly Commemorating 1916 – Draft Programme of Events.</p> <p>The April Monthly meeting resumed at 2.45p.m.</p>
VOTES OF SYMPATHY:	<p>Votes of sympathy were unanimously extended to the following:-</p> <p>Ms. Colette Byrne, Chief Executive on the death of her father-in-law, Michael Byrne;</p> <p>Mrs. Kitty O' Meara, Church Street, Clara on the death of her husband, Denis;</p> <p>Mr. Paddy Mitchell, Charleville Road, Tullamore on the death of his wife, Phyllis;</p> <p>Mr. Tim McMahon, 22 Kilmanaghan Lodge, New Road, Clara on the death of his mother, Mary;</p> <p>Mr. Paul O' Toole, Edenderry Road, Rhode on the death of his father, Brendan;</p> <p>Mrs. Maura Crossan, Cloneyhurke, Portarlinton on the death of her son, Brian;</p> <p>Mrs. Pauline Feighery and family, Curraghmore, Kilcormac on the death of her husband, Matt.</p> <p>Mr. D. Conlon, Acting Chief Executive, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council joined with the members in these votes of sympathy.</p>

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:	<p>Votes of congratulations were extended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr. B. Killeavy and his wife Sammy on the birth of their twins; - Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F. on the birth of his granddaughter.
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. C. Nolan, seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn, the members resolved to adopt the minutes of March Monthly Meeting held in Áras an Chontae, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on 23rd March 2015.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Dooley, Cathaoirleach informed the members that the Corporate Policy Group had considered and proposed that a Certificate of Recognition be awarded to Cistercian College, Roscrea. This she suggested was an appropriate manner to acknowledge their recent win over Belvedere College in the 2015 Bank of Ireland Leinster Schools Senior Rugby Cup Final. On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, it was agreed hold the awarding ceremony in the Cistercian College.</p>
MINUTES FOR NOTING:	<p>The minutes of the following meetings were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Policy Group Meeting held in Áras an Chontae, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on 9th March 2015; - Roads, Transportation & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 10th December 2015.
S183 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001, AS AMENDED: LEASE OF LANDS AT BALLYBRACKEN OR RIDGEMOUNT, KILCORMAC TO OFFALY G.A.A:	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens, the members resolved to the leasing of lands at Ballybracken or Ridgemount, Kilcormac to Offaly G.A.A. in accordance with the terms of the S.183 Local Government Act 2001, as amended, Notice which had previously circulated.</p> <p>The members welcomed the proposed Centre of Excellence development.</p>
NOMINATION/ELECTION TO AUDIT COMMITTEE:	<p>Cllr. S. Dooley, Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that in accordance with the regulations the Corporate Policy Group had considered, following the recent passing of former councillor Mr. Tom Feighery, the appointment to the Offaly Audit Committee.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley, the members resolved to appoint Mr. Michael Loughnane, Birr to the Audit Committee.</p>
AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014:	<p>Mr. Peter Scully, Chairperson of the Audit Committee, gave a brief overview of the <i>Audit Committee Annual Report 2014</i> that was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. P. Scully noted the number of meetings held, the role of the Audit Committee and outlined the Committee's objectives for 2014. He welcomed the additional staff and resources assigned to the Internal Audit section in the second half of 2014.</p>

	<p>In concluding his report Mr. P. Scully thanked the old and new committee members, council staff and elected members for their continued support.</p> <p>The members acknowledged the work of the Audit Committee and thanked Mr. P. Scully for his comprehensive report.</p>
AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER:	Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F. drew the members' attention to the Audit Committee Charter.
TAKING IN CHARGE OF PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES AS FOLLOWS: (a) CURRAGH HILL, BALLINAGAR (b) DERRYCORIS, EDENDERRY (c) CLONMEEN RISE, EDENDERRY (d) THE PRIORY, KILCORMAC	<p>(a) Curragh Hill, Ballinagar (b) Derrycoris, Edenderry (c) Clonmeen Rise, Edenderry (d) The Priory, Kilcormac</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. J. Foley, seconded by Cllr. N. Bourke, the members agreed to the taking in charge of Private Housing Estates, as previously circulated.</p>
MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT:	The contents of the comprehensive management report that had circulated were noted by the members.
CORPORATE POLICY GROUP REPORT:	<p>Cllr. S. Dooley, Cathaoirleach advised that the Corporate Policy Group met on 13th April 2015 to consider the April Monthly Council Agenda and approve the list of conferences and training courses for circulation.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach gave a comprehensive presentation highlights meetings and events from her recent trip to New York where she represented Offaly at the St. Patricks Day parade.</p>
NOTICES OF MOTION:	<p>The following motion was proposed by Cllr. C. Nolan, seconded by Cllr. M. O' Reilly and agreed:</p> <p><i>“That this council supports The Decency for Dunnes Workers campaign. We call on the company to prevent any further strike action from taking place by engaging with their workers through their union. Furthermore, we fully support the worker's demands in relation to the campaign, including the right to 1. secure hours and income 2. secure jobs 3. Fair pay 4. The right to trade union representation”</i></p> <p>It was agreed to write to the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and to the Head Office of Dunnes Stores.</p>
COMHDHÁLACHA:	<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> Celtic Conferences “Chambers of Commerce - Building Business”</p>

<p>COMHDHÁLACHA: (contd)</p>	<p>Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth 24th – 26th April 2015 <i>It was agreed no member would attend.</i></p> <p>Esperanza Enterprises – Elected Member’s Training Seminar “Equal Status Rights Explained” The Connacht Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway 17th – 18th April 2015 <i>It was agreed no member would attend.</i></p> <p>Esperanza Enterprises – Elected Member’s Training Seminar “Animation in Volunteerism” The Connacht Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway 1st – 2nd May 2015 <i>It was agreed no member would attend.</i></p> <p>Esperanza Enterprises – Elected Member’s Training Seminar “Crime Prevention & Community Safety” The Connacht Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway 8th – 9th May 2015 <i>It was agreed Cllr. N. Cribbin would attend.</i></p> <p>Celtic Conferences “West Cork Tourism Conference on Internet Marketing” The Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork 8th – 10th May 2015 <i>It was agreed no member would attend.</i></p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) “In-Service” Training Day 18th April 2015 Radisson Hotel, Limerick <i>It was agreed Cllr. P. Ormond would attend.</i></p>
<p>COMHFHREAGRAS:</p>	<p>The correspondences that issued with the Agenda were noted.</p>
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</p>	<p><u>Meeting with Bord na Móna</u> Cllr. S. Dooley, Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that Bord na Móna proposed to meet with the members on the evening of Thursday, 28th May 2015.</p>

This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES CONFIRMED: _____
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18th May 2015