

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE UÍBH FHAILÍ

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

**HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CHARLEVILLE ROAD, TULLAMORE
ON MONDAY, 12TH DECEMBER 2016 AT 2.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, Cathaoirleach (Presiding), Cllrs. N. Bourke, J. Carroll, J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, D. Dolan, E. Dooley, S. Dooley, J. Foley, D. Harvey, J. Leahy, S. Maher, T. McKeigue, F. Moran, M. O'Reilly, P. Ormond, D. Owens and L. Quinn.
IN ATTENDANCE:	Ms. A. Delaney, Chief Executive; Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F.; Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S; Mr. D. Kirrane, D.O.S; Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S; Ms M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator; Mr. T. Mawe, Financial/Management Accountant; Mr. T. Shanahan, S.E., Ms. B. Maher, E.P.; Ms. M. Broome, Music Development Officer; Ms. C. Hillard, A.O.; Ms. F. Flaherty, C.O.
APOLOGIES:	Cllr. B. Killeavy
VOTES OF SYMPATHY:	<p>Votes of sympathy were unanimously extended to the following:-</p> <p>Mr. Tom Shanahan, S.E. Offaly County Council on the death of his mother, Angela;</p> <p>Mr. Eddie Burke, 17 Clontarf Road, Tullamore on the death of his mother, Alice;</p> <p>Mr. James Brady, The Ceders, Patrick Street, Portarlinton on the death of his brother, Mr. Philip Brady;</p> <p>Mr. Hughie Crombie, 47 Pine Villa, Portarlinton on the death of his wife, Mrs. Carmel Crombie;</p> <p>Ms. Tess Purcell, 48 The Green, Clara on the death of her sister, Ms. Nancy Connolly and;</p> <p>Ms. Liz Fleming, Raheen, Clara on the death of her mother, Mrs. Kathleen Holmes.</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>
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:	<p>The members passed a vote of congratulations to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr. L. Quinn on his recent marriage;• Cllr. J. Clendennen on winning Best Business Startup Award at Offaly Enterprise IBYE for Giltraps

	<p>Glamping;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David McEvoy, Volunteer of the Year; • Offaly Sports Partnership on the success of the 10th Anniversary reception. <p>Cllr. S. Dooley conveyed the Fleadh Cheoil Committee's thanks to the Council for their support in their bid to host the 2018 Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Tullamore. She informed the meeting that their bid had been unsuccessful on this occasion.</p>
<p>SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. S. Dooley, it was agreed by the members to suspend Standing Orders to allow presentations to be made to the community groups who had participated in the Pride of Place competition and to also allow Irish Water to brief the members on the Water Supply Project (WSP) Eastern and Midlands Region.</p>
<p>PRIDE OF PLACE:</p>	<p>Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, Cathaoirleach welcomed members from the three communities who had taken part in the national 2016 Pride of Place competition, i.e., Ferbane Food Campus, Ballycommon Organisation for Local Development and Kilcomac Development Association.</p> <p>He praised each of the communities for their work and commended Ferbane Food Campus, who received the national Pride of Place, Community Business Enterprise Initiative award at the ceremony held in Belfast on 26th November.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach, on behalf of the members, made a presentation to each of the groups acknowledging and thanking them for their participation.</p> <p>Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, Cathaoirleach also congratulated the Library staff on winning the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government for Best Library Service for the My Open Library Initiative.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach also informed the meeting that Offaly County Council received a "Commended" award for The Junction Business Innovation Centre.</p>
<p>IRISH WATER:</p>	<p>Mr. Gerry Geoghegan, Irish Water, provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation highlighting in particular the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Process / Public Consultation • Planning Programme & Overall Programme • Project Need • Preferred Scheme / Infrastructure Requirements • Landowner Engagement & Wayleaves • Community Gain <p>The members thanked Mr. G. Geoghegan, Irish Water for his informative presentation and acknowledged that a significant group of the landowners impacted by the project had attended</p>

	<p>recent public meetings.</p> <p>During the ensuing discussion Mr. G. Geoghegan, Irish Water, clarified that a cost benefit analysis of the project had been developed. He advised that: An Bord Pleanála will determine the amount of Community Gain that will be payable; wayleave agreements will be established; Irish Water will work with farmers and landowners to ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum; compensation payments will be paid in advance of works; the subsequent restrictions with regard to future developments will be clearly stated and kept to a minimum; air and wash-out valves will be installed at regular intervals; a 20m strip over the pipeline will be registered as a burden on the Land Title. Mr. G. Geoghegan, Irish Water, stated that Tullamore and Birr may be serviced by the pipeline and that Irish Water will continue to meet with landowners and Group Water Scheme committees to clarify issues.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach in drawing the discussion to a conclusion thanked the representatives from Irish Water for their informative presentation and invited them to provide further updates to the Council as the project develops.</p>
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. S. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy, the members resolved to adopt the minutes of the November meeting of Offaly County Council held in Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore on 21st November 2016.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. T. McKeigue, seconded by Cllr. N. Bourke, the members resolved to adopt the minutes of the Statutory Budget 2016 meeting of Offaly County Council held in Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore on 21st November 2016.</p>
MINUTES FOR NOTING:	<p>The minutes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held in Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on 17th October 2016 were noted.</p>
S183 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001, AS AMENDED - SALE 2.17 ACRES AT BRACKNAGH, COOLESTOWN, CO. OFFALY (Folio OY6200F)	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. J. Foley, seconded by Cllr. N. Bourke, the members resolved to the sale of 2.17 acres at Bracknagh, Coolestown, Co. Offaly (Folio OY6200F) in accordance with the terms of the S.183 notice dated 1st December 2016, which had previously circulated.</p>
S183 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001, AS AMENDED - SALE 0.1424 ACRES AT SITE NO. 7 'CLUNY' GALLEN, FERBANE, CO. OFFALY (Folio OY4233F)	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll, the members resolved to the sale of 0.1424 acres at Site No. 7 Cluny, Ferbane, Co. Offaly (Folio OY4233F) in accordance with the terms of the S.183 notice dated 1st December 2016, which had previously circulated.</p>
MUSIC GENERATION	<p>Ms. M. Broome, Music Generation Development Officer</p>

<p>OFFALY/WESTMEATH PRESENTATION:</p>	<p>informed the meeting that over 5,000 children in Offaly and Westmeath receive weekly music tuition. She advised that twenty seven (27) musicians are engaged by Music Generation Offaly/Westmeath to provide this tuition both in schools and through community projects. She played a video clip which showed the rehearsal and performance at one of the flagship events, <i>Singfest 2016</i>, hosted by Music Generation Offaly/Westmeath in Athlone Institute of Technology during the summer of 2016.</p> <p>The members congratulated all involved with the project and acknowledged the incredible opportunity that the project provides for the youth throughout the county.</p>
<p>MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT:</p>	<p>Ms. A. Delaney, Chief Executive drew the members' attention to the monthly management report which had circulated with the agenda.</p>
<p>CORPORATE POLICY GROUP REPORT:</p>	<p>Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, Cathaoirleach advised that the Corporate Policy Group met earlier that day to consider the Monthly Council Agenda and to approve the list of conferences and training courses for circulation. He advised the members that the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board will give a presentation to the members at the January 2017 Monthly Meeting.</p>
<p>COMHDHÁLACHA:</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn, the members noted and approved the conferences and training seminars as follows:</p> <p><u>CONFERENCES:</u></p> <p>ACE Management & Training 2 Day Microsoft Excel Intermediate Training for Councillors 17th – 18th December 2016 Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork <i>It was agreed no Councillor would attend.</i></p> <p>Celtic Conferences The Finance Act 2016 13th -15th January 2017 The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth <i>It was agreed no Councillor would attend.</i></p> <p>Celtic Conferences Tackling Japanese Knotweed – Functions of Local Authorities & NRA 27th – 29th January 2017 Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork <i>It was agreed no Councillor would attend.</i></p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u></p> <p>None</p>

COMHFHREAGRAS:	The correspondences that issued with the Agenda were noted.
ANY OTHER BUSINESS:	None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES CONFIRMED: _____
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16th January 2017