

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE UÍBH FHAILÍ**

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

**HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CHARLEVILLE ROAD, TULLAMORE  
ON MONDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 AT 2.00 P.M.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr. J. Carroll, Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. C. Claffey (R), J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, E. Dooley, N. Feighery, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, M. Hackett, D. Harvey, J. Leahy, T. McCormack, R. McDermott, F. Moran; S. O'Brien, P. Ormond, D. Owens, L. Quinn (R) and K. Smollen.
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Ms. A. Delaney, Chief Executive; Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S.; Ms. S. Kennedy, D.O.S.; Mr. M. Connolly, H.O.F.; Ms. A. Dillon, A/D.O.S.; Mr. G. Bruton, Meetings Administrator; Mr. C. Kelly, S.O.; Mr. G. Conlon, A.O.; and Ms. L. Carbery, C.O. (R)  <i>[(R) denotes remote access]</i>
<b>VOTES OF SYMPATHY:</b>	Votes of sympathy were unanimously extended to the following:  The Fanning Family, Ballyfore, Edenderry on the death of their son John Fanning;  The Carter Family, Castlevue Park, Edenderry on the death of their mother Elizabeth Carter;  Mrs. Mary Cullen, The Sycamores, Edenderry on the death of her husband Tommy Cullen;  The Foley Family, St. Patricks Road, Edenderry on the death of their mother Tarleigh Foley  The Chief Executive, on her own behalf and on behalf of the staff of Offaly County Council, joined with the members in these votes of sympathy.
<b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:</b>	On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey the members resolved to adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Offaly County Council held in Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on Monday 21st September 2020;  On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey , the members resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Offaly County Council held in Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on Monday 14th September 2020;  On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr.D. Harvey, the members resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting of

	Offaly County Council held in Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on Wednesday 8th April 2020
<b>MINUTES FOR NOTING:</b>	<p>The members noted the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minutes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held in Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on Friday 17th July 2020;</li> <li>- Minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 20th February 2020 in Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore;</li> <li>- Minutes of the Community, Cultural and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 22nd May 2020 in Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore;</li> <li>- Minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 27th May 2020 in Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore</li> </ul>
<b>SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001, OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSES TO SELL SITE NUMBERS 25 &amp; 26 FERBANE BUSINESS &amp; TECHNOLOGY PARK, BALLYLIN, FERBANE TO TOM &amp; SARAH CURLEY, ATHLONE IN THE AMOUNT OF €50,000</b>	On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members resolved to adopt Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to sell Site Numbers 25 & 26 Ferbane Business & Technology Park, Ballylin, Ferbane to Tom & Sarah Curley, Athlone in the amount of €50,000.
<b>SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001, OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSES TO SELL SITE NUMBERS 14 FERBANE BUSINESS &amp; TECHNOLOGY PARK, BALLYLIN, FERBANE TO SHANE AND PAMELA D'ARCY, T/A AZDA CATERING LTD, IN THE AMOUNT OF €25,000</b>	On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members resolved to adopt Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to sell Site Numbers 14 Ferbane Business & Technology Park, Ballylin, Ferbane to Shane and Pamela D'Arcy, T/A AZDA Catering Ltd, in the amount of €25,000.
<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AS AMENDED, PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE</b>	Ms. A. Dillon, A/D.O.S. brought the members attention to the Chief Executive report on the proposed development to construct a shared walking and cycling greenway route along the towpath of the Grand Canal for a distance of 16.2km, from Turraun to Griffith Bridge, Shannonharbour.

<p><b>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF GRAND CANAL GREENWAY, SHARED WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTE - TURRAUN TO SHANNON HARBOUR LINK</b></p>	<p>Cllr. J. Leahy raised concerns with regard to access for local farmers and advised that the greenway would need to be monitored closely to prevent littering and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley, the members resolved to adopt the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as Amended, Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as Amended for the proposed development of Grand Canal Greenway, shared Walking and Cycling Route - Turraun to Shannon Harbour Link.</p>
<p><b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AS AMENDED, PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF OLD TESCO SITE, EDENDERRY</b></p>	<p>Ms. S. Kennedy, D.O.S. updated the members on the Chief Executives Report for the proposed Demolition of the Former Tesco Retail Unit in Edenderry. She advised the members the proposed development is to facilitate the use of this valuable site to assist in the regeneration of the centre of Edenderry and for the future development of the Community Library and Arts Base. She noted that no submissions had been received.</p> <p>Cllrs. N. Cribbin and J. Foley welcomed this development and thanked the Chief Executive and the local community for their work in bringing the project to this stage, in particular they noted the input of former Councillor Noel Bourke.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. N. Cribbin, seconded by Cllr. J. Foley, the members resolved to adopt the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as Amended, Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as Amended for the proposed demolition of Old Tesco Site, Edenderry.</p>
<p><b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AS AMENDED, PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 2001 AS AMENDED, PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ELDERBERRY DRIVE, MONEYGALL, COUNTY OFFALY</b></p>	<p>Ms. S. Kennedy D.O.S. brought the members attention to the proposed development of 6 dwellings on a site within the existing Elderberry Drive in Moneygall.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. J. Clendennen the members resolved to adopt the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as Amended, proposed development at Elderberry Drive, Moneygall, County Offaly</p>
<p><b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AS AMENDED, PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 2001 AS AMENDED, PROPOSED WORKS TO ACRES FOLLY, TULLAMORE,</b></p>	<p>Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S. updated the members on the proposed works to Acres Folly, Tullamore, situated on high ground overlooking Lloyd Park. He informed the members that the proposed works are to repair the existing structure, replace missing internal stair and landscaping to the grounds around the folly.</p> <p>Cllr. T. McCormack welcomed the proposed development noting its historical significance, tourist and amenity potential. The members noted that submissions were received from local residents in relation to boundary security on site and parking.</p> <p>Mr. T. Shanahan advised that the resident's concerns have been taken into consideration.</p>

	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. T. McCormack, seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery the members resolved to adopt the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as Amended, proposed works to Acres Folly, Tullamore,</p>
<p><b>DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME</b></p>	<p>Ms. A. Dillon, A/D.O.S. brought the members attention to the Draft Development Contribution Scheme. Mr. G. Conlon, A.O. provided the members with a detailed presentation on the scheme. He updated the members on Section 48 and 49 of the Planning &amp; Development Act 2000 as amended, outlining the three types of contributions for General, Special and Supplementary Development. He updated the members on the public infrastructure and facilities and on the Ministerial Guidelines on Development Contributions 2013.</p> <p>Mr. G. Conlon outlined the comparisons with other Local Authorities highlighting that Offaly has the fourth lowest rate for residential and the lowest per square meter for retail and industrial contributions. He informed the members of the increased costs of delivery since 2013 and of the projected costs from 2021-2025. He outlined the proposed charges, the exemptions and reductions and the operation of the scheme. He updated the members on the capital projects requiring funding and advised the them that the money accruing under the Scheme will be ring fenced for public infrastructure and facilities.</p> <p>The members thanked him for this informative presentation and raised issues on affordability for young people, turbine contributions, comparisons to other counties and attracting tourism and development.</p> <p>Mr. G. Conlon advised the members that any submissions or suggestions should be sent in by 29<sup>th</sup> October.</p>
<p><b>FINANCE</b></p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens, the members resolved to approve a provision for Overdraft Accommodation for 2021 in the sum of €20 million.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. J. Clendennen, seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery, the members resolved seek a loan to finance the capital investment for Local Authority Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project as per Section 85 Agreement with Kilkenny County Council in the amount of €3.5m</p>
<p><b>PROPOSED SPECIAL MEETING ON 2ND NOVEMBER AT 2PM – ESB</b></p>	<p>Cllr. J. Carroll proposed to hold a Special Meeting on 2nd November at 2pm with the ESB. Ms. A. Delaney, C.E. advised the members that further Covid 19 restrictions may result in changes to scheduled meetings.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members resolved to hold a Special Meeting on 2nd November at 2pm with the ESB.</p>
<p><b>IDA PRESENTATION</b></p>	<p>Mr. K. Whitelaw, Mr. D. Curran and Ms. A. Tierney, IDA, joined the meeting via zoom. Due to technical difficulties they were</p>

	unable to give their presentation and it was agreed to defer this agenda item to a future date.
<b>JUST TRANSITION</b>	Ms. A. Delaney informed the members that following the meeting scheduled later this month, more information may be available at the Special meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November. She noted that the 4 working groups are meeting and a decision is due on the large applications by the end of October.
<b>MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT:</b>	<p>Ms. A. Delaney drew the member's attention to the September Monthly Management Report. She highlighted the Hullabaloo festival taking place virtually from 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October. She welcomed the Part 8 for the Grand Canal Greenway and the approved funding. She also welcomed funding for the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and Rural Regeneration. She updated the members on the Creative Ireland and Heritage Schemes. She advised the members that the Roads programme is progressing and enforcement of illegal dumping, which has continued to be an on-going issue. She welcomed the approval of the Part 8 scheme for housing in Moneygall and advised that another housing Part 8 will be presented to the members in November. She informed the members that the LCDC meeting was held last week, providing further funding approval. She advised that the closing date for the Re-Start Plus Grant has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> October and that the Shop Front Scheme has been re-advertised open for applications.</p> <p>Cllr. F. Moran queried if the proposed housing development in Raheen, Clara could be looked at in conjunction with the new Fire Station. Cllr. S. O'Brien queried the timeline for the Tullamore to Kilbeggan link road.</p> <p>In response Ms. A. Delaney agreed that the Housing and Fire Services would collaborate on the Raheen Development. Mr. T. Shanahan informed the members the Tullamore to Kilbeggan Major Capital scheme is in Phase 2 the Option Selection is due to commence shortly and the scheme due to commence in 2023.</p> <p>The members thanked her for her comprehensive report.</p>
<b>CORPORATE POLICY GROUP REPORT:</b>	Cllr. J. Carroll, Cathaoirleach informed the members that the Corporate Policy Group met on 16 <sup>th</sup> October and discussed agenda items including the Part 8s, Draft Development Contribution Scheme and the Just Transition.
<b>NOTICES OF MOTION</b>	On the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey the members resolved to adopt the motion that Offaly County Council work closely with all interests while promoting navigation on the Grand Canal. We should promote this as a tourist facility throughout the County as the Grand Canal is a very valuable resource. We should work closely with the IWAI as they have a lot of expertise in this area"
<b>COMHFHREAGRAS</b>	The correspondence was noted.

<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</b>	<p>Cllr. Clare Claffey brought the members attention to proposed legislation to seal files in regard to Mother and Baby homes, this will deny victims access to their information causing further pain and stress and will sweep the issues under the carpet. She called on the members support to contact their TDs to object to this legislation. Cllrs. S. O’Brien and K. Smollen joined with Cllr. C. Claffey in calling for this legislation not to be enacted.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Leahy raised an issue with the mortgage company’s incentive scheme to surrender homes. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. K. Smollen the members resolved to write to Minister Paschal O’Donoghue, Department of Finance to investigate this matter.</p>
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This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**16<sup>th</sup> November 2020**