

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Aras an Chontae
LEIFEAR
22 Eanáir, 2019

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar siúl Dé Luain 28 Eanáir, 2019, ag **11.00 r.n. in Áras an Chontae, Leifear**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A Chara

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair ag an chruinniú seo den Chomhairle. Ta Clár an chruinnithe leis seo.

Beidh Clár Orduithe an Phríomh-Fheidhmeannaigh le feiceáil ag an gcruinniú.

Mise, le meas

**Seosamh O’Piobla
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
22nd January 2019

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 28th January 2019, at **11.00am in the County House, Lifford.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Council. The Agenda is attached.

The Register of Chief Executive’s Orders will be available for inspection at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

**Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- a. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 21st November, 2018.
- b. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Adjourned September Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 26th November, 2018.
- c. Confirmation of the Minutes of the November Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 26th November, 2018.

2. Filling of Casual Vacancy in the membership of the Council

- a) Filling of Casual Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Cllr John Campbell.
- b) Filling of consequential vacancies arising from a) above:-
 - Donegal Municipal District.
 - Coiste na Gaeilge.
 - Joint Policing Committee
 - Cultural Committee.
 - Housing & Corporate Strategic Policy Committee.
 - County Donegal Education & Training Board
 - Conference Peripheral Maritime Regions

3. Disposal of Land – Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000

- a) Notice under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 – To dispose of a plot of land at Mulreany Terrace, Stranorlar to Damian & Paula Patton.
- b) Notice under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 – To dispose of plot of land at Glebe, Killybegs to Norfish Limited.
- c) Notice under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 – To lease the Seashell Unit Bundoran to Sinead Fox, Geraldine Patton and Michael Patton.

4. Taking of decision pursuant to the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (Part XI), and the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 Part 8

To approve the carrying out of works so as to provide new and upgraded pedestrian and cycling facilities alongside the R264 Regional Road at Murlog and along the N14 and N15 National Roads from Drumbooy to the NI Border at Lifford Bridge so as to proceed with the North West Greenway Network – Route 3 Strabane to Lifford.

5. Community and Enterprise

To note the nomination of Ms Anne Mc Ateer and Mr Andrew Ward to the vacancies on the Donegal Local Community Development Committee.

6. Planning

Draft Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (Draft RSES) for the Northern and Western Regional Assembly Area (NWRA). (*Report to be circulated following workshop on the 25th January*)

7. Corporate

- a) To consider authorisation of Council representation at the St Patrick's Day Events in the USA.
- b) To note obligations on Members under the Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations & Expenditure) Act, 1999 as amended, to submit a Donation Statement by 31st January, 2019.
- c) To note obligations on Members (Part 15) Local Government Act, 2001 Ethics Framework to submit declaration of interest by the 28th February, 2019.

8. Housing

Review of Housing Adaptation Grant and Mobility Aids Grant Schemes – To approve recommendations as agreed by the Housing & Corporate Strategic Policy Committee

9. Endorsement of Minutes

To note minutes of the Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on the 5th November, 2018.

10. Attendance at Conference, Seminar or Event

Authorisation of representation at a seminar, meeting or event under Section 142 (5) of Local Government Act, 2001, S.I. No. 668 of 2006, Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members)

Regulations 2006, S.I. No. 37 of 2010, Guidelines given by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to the Local Government Act, 2001 (Section 142) Regulations 2010, and the Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations, 2014.

Training

- Module 1 -2019 AILG Training Programme – “Draft Regional Spatial & Economic Strategies” to take place in the Hudson Bay Hotel, Athlone on the 17th January, 2019.
- AILG Annual Training Conference to be held on the 21st & 22nd February, 2019 in the Longford Arms Hotel, Main Street, Longford.
- LAMA Spring Seminar to be held on the 7th & 8th March in the Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim.

Conferences

- Celtic Conferences - A Guide to EU Educational Programmes to be held from the 8th -9th February, 2019 in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth.

Travel Abroad

- Attendance of the CPMR Representative at the meeting of the CPMR Political Bureau on the 7th March, 2019 in Brest, Brittany, France.

11. Conference Reports

Cllr Niamh Kennedy

Leitrim County Council – “Smart Towns and Villages –held Monday 22nd October, 2018 in Lough Rynn Castle, Mohill, Co Leitrim.

Cllr Frank Mc Brearty Jnr

Celtic Conferences – “Towards a Hard Brexit and its Consequences” held from Friday 26th to Sunday 27th October, 2018 in the Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co Cork..

MOTIONS

LETTERKENNY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Housing

12. Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government Eoghan Murphy TD to review the current threshold earnings limits for social housing applicants with a view to raising them to enable those on low wages who cannot get mortgages to qualify for Social Housing"

Corporate

13. Cllr Adrian Glackin

"I'm calling on the Council to arrange an urgent meeting with senior HSE personnel to demand an increase in home help/care hours in our communities in Donegal with a view to alleviating pressure on acute services and beds in Letterkenny University Hospital and also to allow our elderly to receive the proper and dignified help they require, and also to highlight that the current waiting lists for home care in Donegal which are at unacceptable levels"

Housing

14. Cllr Ciaran Brogan

"I propose that this Council does an audit of all its housing properties with a view to introducing a painting scheme or power washing scheme in conjunction with our residents associations and tenants in the interest of good estate management, and endeavour to source funding for this initiative immediately."

Planning

15. Cllr Ian Mc Garvey

"I am asking that this Council amends the (a.) 'rural housing' and (b.) 'small businesses in the rural area' policies of the adopted Donegal County Development Plan, 2018-2024."

DONEGAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Corporate

16. Cllr Niamh Kennedy

"On behalf of Aitheantas, I am calling on Donegal Council to write to Minister Zappone's Department requesting that her Department

acknowledges adoptee identity rights and immediately allows adoptees access to their own information on health, history and heritage in line with the equality and personal autonomy rights of other citizens and as voted for in two referenda"

17. Cllr Noel Jordan

"I am asking Donegal County Council to call on the Minister for Health and the HSE to introduce a catch up programme for children up to eighteen years for the Meningitis B Vaccine to ensure that all children are covered".

STRANORLAR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Corporate

18. Cllr Martin Harley

"I am calling on Donegal County Council to ask the Government to push forward legislation on the insurance industry regarding claims as it is closing small business in Ireland".

Environment

19. Cllr Gary Doherty

"That this Council opposes any introduction of a carbon tax which disproportionately affects middle and lower income households over industrial polluters"

Economic Development

20. Cllr Liam Doherty

"That Donegal County Council recognises the importance and value of tradespeople and skilled workers to the local economy and calls on Government to provide the appropriate level of investment needed to expand and develop the apprenticeship system here; that the failure to prioritise apprenticeships has contributed to the current skills shortage which exists across a range of industries and that failure to remedy this situation threatens to stifle economic growth."

Roads & Transportation

21. Cllr Gerry Crawford

"That this Council review the process by which works other than repairs to the dwelling are carried out county-wide in Local Authority Estates, e.g. road upkeep, funding provision and a clear policy on which section responsibility falls to."

GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Corporate

22. Cllr Marie Therese Gallagher

"That this Council sends solidarity and support to our nurses and midwives who have balloted for strike action beginning January 30th to demand a safe, fully staffed, functioning health service that values and pays them as essential skilled workers."

23. Cllr John S O' Fearraigh

" Go n-iarrfaidh an Chomhairle seo ar an Rialtas prótacal d'imircigh atá ag pilleadh abhaile a bhunú sa dóigh is go mbeidh saoránaigh ag pilleadh ar Éirinn in ann teacht ar eolas faoi na seirbhísí atá siad i dteideal."

"That this Council calls on the Government to establish a returning emigrant's protocol to enable citizens returning to Ireland access services which all those with Irish citizenship are entitled to."

24. Cllr Míchéal Mac Giolla Easbuig

"Go n-iarrfaidh an Chomhairle seo ar an Rialtas tús a chur le próiseas leis an aois vótála a laghdú go 16 bliain chun ionadaíocht níos féaráilte a thabhairt do dhaoine óga sa chontae agus sa stát seo".

"That this Council calls on the Government to start a process to reduce the voting age to 16 years old to allow for a fairer representation of young people in this County and State".

INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Corporate

25. Cllr Jack Murray

"That Donegal County Council, in recognising the distress which homeowners who have suffered flooding are currently experiencing while waiting for flood defence measures to be constructed, commits to supplying flood barriers to those most in danger so that they can protect their homes"

Roads & Transportation

26. Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness

"That this Council discuss arterial drainage in the County."

Planning Services

27. Cllr Albert Doherty

"That Donegal County Council Planning and Housing Directorate arrange and convene at the earliest possible opportunity a forum of relevant stakeholders , i.e.: architects, Irish Water, builders / developers, local and public representatives to discuss, identify and reduce current barriers encountered by interested parties in public housing and private housing construction in Donegal."

Water & Environment

28. Cllr Martin Farren

"That this Council liaise with Irish Water to ensure that all new water supply systems in the County are expedited as quickly as possible"

29. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

30. **Chief Executive's Management Report**

QUESTIONS

LETTERKENNY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Community Services

31. Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle

"Can I have an update on where the Riverine Project is currently at, and has the Council received any recent communication from SEUPB in relation to this application?"

Planning

32. Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle

"Do we have a Derelict Sites Register for the County and if so can I have a list of the sites registered per Municipal District?"

Economic Development

33. Cllr Ciaran Brogan

"Can I have a updated report on the progress of the new business support unit as agreed by this Council as to how many times it has met and what Senior Executives are sitting on it to help deal with the many economic challenges we have in our county, and to help to fast track planning applications in particular where we have jobs?"

34. Cllr Ciaran Brogan

"Can we have a report to this Council on the formation of a working group (As per motion of March 2018) to take advantage of any further/future opportunities that may become available as a result of the national planning framework of our needs towards 2040 and what we propose to do to address same?"

Roads & Transportation

35. Cllr Ian Mc Garvey

"Will our Engineering Staff draw up a priority list of urgent need for funding in the areas that are experiencing an increased volume of traffic?"

Housing

36. Cllr Ian Mc Garvey

"Is it the policy to allow S. I. Housing and offer assistance to those who want to do so?"

STRANORLAR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Housing

37. Cllr Gerry Crawford

"Does this Council test or have tested its housing stock for the presence of radon gas?"

38. Cllr Gerry Crawford

"Has this Local Authority given any consideration to leading out on Sheltered Housing Projects which are considered as a way forward in caring for an ageing population?"

GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Corporate

39. Cllr Mícheál Mac Giolla Easbuig

"An dtig leis an Chomhairle seo sonraí beacht cruinn a thabhairt ar na costais uilig a bhí le hóc maidir le gach Comhairleoir Contae a d'fhreastal ar thurais Lá Pádraig thar lear in 2015, 2016, 2017 agus 2018 agus na sonraí sin a mhiondealú de réir na gceantheidil seo a leanas: eitiltí, lóistín, cothabháil, costais taistil ar bith eile agus rudaí eile nach iad".

"For the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 can Donegal County Council provide the amounts per councillor of all expenditure on overseas St. Patrick's Day trips broken down by the following headings: flights, accommodation, subsistence, other travel and miscellaneous".

INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Housing

40. Cllr Jack Murray

"How many houses have been bought by the Council in each Municipal District in each year of the term of this Council?"

Environment

41. Cllr Albert Doherty

"This week, (15/01/19) French authorities, French food and environmental safety agency have introduced a cancellation authorisation on the sale of herbicide (Monsanto's) Round Up 360. Will Donegal County Council likewise ensure a ban and or cancellation of Round Up use in all council community activities?"

Economic Development

42. Cllr Jack Murray

"Is the Council still engaged in meetings, discussions and preparations with bordering council areas in the north in preparation for Brexit and what is the status of such?"

Corporate

43. Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness

"What progress has been made in re-establishing the Agriculture Committee in Donegal County Council?"

44. Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness

"What progress has been made in re-establishing the Fisheries Committee in Donegal County Council?"

Planning

45. Cllr Albert Doherty

"An additional tranche of housing developments were confirmed for Taking in Charge and advertised as estate roads to be public roads (section 11, Roads Act 1993) in December 2018.

What is the proposed number of Housing Estates that Donegal County Council proposes to take in charge in 2019 and has Irish Water been

informed of this and committed adequate finance to take these in charge?”

46. Motions from Other Councils/Bodies

Monaghan County Council.

“That this Council asks the Minister for Health to request the Health Service Executive to include the Medical Report, required by a person over 70 applying for a driving licence for a car, to be included in the Medical Card services.

Currently, if you’re under 70 the fee for a 10 year licence is €55. It is free for over 70’s but a Medical Report is required. The cost is €40-€60 for a visit to your G.P. If the person over 70 has an illness that limits to 1 year, that means a visit to the G.P. each year for 10 years, costing nearly 10 times the fee to an under 70’s person”.

Roscommon County Council.

“It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister of Health, Mr Simon Harris to bring forward legislation in the Dáil, to make it a statutory entitlement that persons who qualify for Home Help Hours and Home Care Packages must be immediately provided for by the Health Services Executive”.

Sligo County Council.

“Recognising that the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (I.N.M.O), which representing 40,000 nursing professionals, have overwhelmingly balloted to strike in light of rejecting pay proposals brought forward by the Government in Budget 2019; and that the Government has failed to address matters such as pay equality and over reliance of hiring nurses;

That this Council clearly affirms its support of nurses and midwives and that we support them in their demand for a better health service which treats them as essential skilled workers with dignity and value”.