

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe  
Aras an Chontae  
LEIFEAR  
23 Aibreán 2013

Beidh Cruinniú Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar siúl Dé Luain 29 Aibreán, 2013, 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 le seo.

Beidh Clár Orduithe an Bhainisteora Contae le feiceáil ag an gcruinniú.

**Mise, le meas**

**Liam Mac a'Bhaird  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

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**DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
23 April, 2013

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, at **11.00 am 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 County Manager's Orders will be available for inspection at the meeting.

**Yours sincerely**

**Liam Ward  
Meetings Administrator**

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- a) Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.
- b) Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.

### **2. Finance**

- a) Overview of Main Movements Impacting on AFS 2012 – Revenue and Capital.
- b) To consider and note the report detailing the reasons for the movement on Rates Arrears, Collection Figures and ‘Write Offs’ during 2012”.
- c) To approve actual gross expenditure figure of €140,122,754 on Table 2, Page 2 when compared to the revised Budget of €140,573,892, Budget as amended by a net decrease in funding received for 2012 for all divisions in accordance with sub section 7 of Section 104 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

### **3. Emergency Services**

To consider the report on the Publication of “Keeping Communities Safe”, “A Framework for Fire Safety in Ireland”, and to note key issues and implications arising from this National Policy Document.

### **4. Corporate**

- a) To agree date for Annual General Meeting 2013.
- b) To fill casual vacancy on the Donegal Local Traveller Consultative Committee, arising from the resignation of Cllr. Cora Harvey.

### **5. Housing**

To adopt Draft North West Regional Homelessness Action Plan 2013 - 2018.

### **6. Roads and Transportation**

To approve the 2013 Specialist Bridge Strengthening Works Programme.

### **7. Endorsement of Minutes**

- a) Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of Island Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2012.
- b) Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of Inishowen Electoral Area Committee held on the 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2012.

- c) Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of Glenties Electoral Area Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.
- d) To Note the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of Corporate Policy Group held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.

**8. Authorisation of representation at a Seminar, Meeting 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:-

- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Laurentic Conference and Commemoration to be held from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana.
- Training Seminar for Councillors – Local Tourism & the Councillor, to be held Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 in the The Talbot Hotel, Wexford.
- Tgr Seminars, How to access funding for community programmes relevant to Councillors, to be held Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 at the Maldron Hotel, Junction 17, M7 Motorway, Portlaoise, Co Laois.
- Celtic Conferences – West Cork Tourism Seminar to be held from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26 May, 2013 at the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork.
- Local Authority Services National Training Group – Local Authority Roads Conference to be held Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013 in the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. WestMeath.
- National Conference Programme Sport Aiding Mental-Health (SAM) to be held Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 at Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal.

**Members Training and Development Programme:-**

- To approve the attendance of Clr. Larkin on the IPA – Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Degree Programme (Local Government).
- To agree date for I.T. Training Day to facilitate Electronic Circulation of Council Agendas and Reports.

**9. Conference Reports**

**Clr Padraig Doherty**

ACCC Annual Conference held Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 in the Tower Hotel, Waterford City.

**Clr John Boyle**

ACCC Annual Conference held Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 in the Tower Hotel, Waterford City.

**Clr John Boyle**

TJK F.O.I. Conference held Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 in the Woodfield House, Limerick.

**Clr Padraig Doherty**

TJK F.O.I. Conference held Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 in the Woodfield House, Limerick.

**Clr Terence Slowey**

TJK F.O.I. Conference held Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 in the Woodfield House, Limerick.

**Clr Padraig Doherty**

LAMA Spring Seminar 2013 held Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 in the Ashtown Park, Gorey, Co Wexford.

**Clr Jack Murray**

Certificate in Local Government Studies Exam held Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 in the IPA Dublin.

**10. Deputation**

Reception of Deputation from Castlefin Partnership Initiative Ltd on the ongoing development of “The Whitehouse Garden” (2.30pm).

**11. Mayor's Business**

**12. Manager's Report**

**13. Motions from other Councils/Bodies**

**BUNCRANA TOWN COUNCIL**

“That Buncrana town council write to the Minister for Health, Mr James Reilly asking him to recognise Polio as a life long illness and to issue medical cards to survivors of same.”

**SOUTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL**

“That we the Members of South Tipperary County Council call on Minister Joan Burton to reverse the cuts to heating and free fuel schemes implemented since she became Minister for Social Protection”.

**SOUTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL**

“That we the members of South Tipperary County Council call on the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Phil Hogan, T.D. to reverse the cuts

to Disabled Persons Grants and Housing for Older People Grants and reinstate the 2012 grant allocation”.

#### WATERFORD CITY COUNCIL

“That this Council calls on the Minister of Education Ruairi Quinn to recognize the very special place the Waterford College of Further Education plays in deliverance and facilitating access to full scale 3<sup>rd</sup> level education and to reverse the education cuts that directly affect the Waterford College of Further Education, who will lose 4 to 6 teachers under his proposal and as many as 120 students.

“This at a time when the City of Waterford is experiencing severe job losses and education is identified as a pathway to securing jobs

#### LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

“That Leitrim County Council contact the Minister for Finance and the Minister with responsibility for People with Disabilities to ask them to review the policy whereby a community organisation who is carrying out works to make a facility, disabled friendly, would be able to avail of a VAT exemption in respect of those works.”

#### OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL

“Offaly County Council calls on the government to immediately reinstate the payment of the minor works grant to all primary schools.”

#### SOUTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

“That South Tipperary County Council call on the Government to take action to tackle criminal gangs involved in the laundering of fuel, smuggling of cigarettes and other counterfeit goods, which is estimated to be costing almost 861 million per year to the taxpayer according to the recent Retail Ireland report.”

#### DUN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

“That this Council welcomes the reduction in rates in Budget 2013 but also, in the interest of alleviating the continuing burden on struggling businesses, calls on the Minister for the Environment and Local Government to change the legislation with regard to commercial rates, allowing for a differential rating system to be implemented and further commits to write to other local Councils looking for support for this call.”

#### CLONES TOWN COUNCIL

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Pat Rabbitt and An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny to seek agreement during this period of our E.U. Presidency to expedite the abolition of roaming charges in Ireland and Europe. That this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities in Ireland.”

#### SHANNON TOWN COUNCIL

“That Shannon Town Council debate recommending to the Minister for Transport to enact legislation making the wearing of high visibility vests or belts/bands by pedestrians compulsory at times of darkness or low visibility in all areas.”

#### SHANNON TOWN COUNCIL

“Shannon Town Council condemn the proposed planned saving of €721 million by the HSE and the reduction of staff by 4,000 in 2013 because of the impact these measures will have on frontline services.”

#### MONAGHAN COUNTY COUNCIL

“We members of Monaghan County Council, by resolution hereby issue a requisition to the County Manager under Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001 to:

Refrain from increasing the rent payable by local authority tenants as a result of the government’s property tax (Home Tax).”

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD IN  
THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2013

C/213/13     MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. Frank McBrearty, Mayor, D. Alcorn, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, J. Campbell, P. Canning, G. Crawford, M. Doherty, P. Doherty, R. Donaghey, M. Farren, M.T. Gallagher, M. Harley, C. Harvey, D. Larkin, M. McBride, N. Mc Bride, S. Mc Eniff, I. McGarvey, P. McGowan, B. Mc Guinness, J. Murray, and T. Slowey.

C/214/13     APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clrs. Blaney and Quinn who were unable to attend the meeting.

C/215/13     OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Seamus Neely, County Manager, Mr Liam Ward, Director of Housing and Corporate, Meetings Administrator, Mr John McLaughlin, Director of Roads & Transportation, Mr Garry Martin, Head of Finance & Director of Emergency Services, Mr Joe Peoples, A/Director of Water & Environment, Mr Michael Heaney, Director of Community Culture & Planning, Mr. Bartley Mc Glynn, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Ann Marie Conlon, Communications Officer, Ms Annemarie Crawford, Staff Officer, Corporate Services.

C/216/13     CONTINUATION OF THE MEETING IN COMMITTEE

Following a request from the Mayor it was resolved on the proposal of Clr. Farren, seconded by Clr. M. Mc Bride, to continue with the meeting in committee in accordance with Section 45 (3) of the Local Government Act, 2001. The Mayor asked the members of the media and those in the public gallery to vacate the Chamber.

C/217/13     VOTE OF SYMPATHY FOR FORMER COUNCILLOR HARRY BLANEY

After a short period in committee the Mayor invited the Members of the media and those in the public gallery to return to the Chamber.

Members from the various political groupings paid tribute to the former T.D and Member of Donegal County Council from 1958 until 1999.

His long standing contribution to political life in Donegal and at national level was widely acknowledged with many paying tribute to his ongoing work over the years in relation to the progression of Group Water Schemes and LIS Projects.

Sincere sympathy was extended to his wife Margaret, sons, Liam, and Niall, daughters, Noreen, Patricia, Noelle, Catherine and Bridgeen, together with the extended Blaney Family.

Members extended sympathy also to Clr. Rena Donaghey on the death of her mother, Mary Mc Callion and to the family of the late Councillor Tadhg Culbert, Letterkenny Town Council.

The County Manager on behalf of the Executive and Staff of Donegal County Council extended sympathy to the Blaney Family on their sad loss.

C/218/13 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by, Clr. Mc Eniff, it was resolved as a mark of respect to the late Harry Blaney to adjourn the April Meeting of Donegal County Council to 11am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.