

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL**

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
Aras an Chontae  
LEIFEAR  
19 Marta, 2019

**FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar siúl Dé Luain 25 Marta, 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**

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**DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 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 Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

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

- a) Filling of Casual Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Cllr Dessie Shiels.
- b) Filling of consequential vacancies arising from a) above:-
  - Letterkenny Municipal District Committee.
  - Islands Committee.
  - Cultural Committee.
  - Economic Enterprise & Planning Policy Strategic Policy Committee.

### **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 land at The Glebe, Killybegs to Shaun Conneely.
- 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 land at Belcruit, Kincasslagh to Packie Gallagher.
- 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 dispose of land at Cranford to Richard John & Yvonne Patricia Sterling.
- d) 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 land at Herrons Field, Ardara to Ardara Community Childcare Company Ltd.

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

To approve the carrying out of works with regard to the replacement of the existing bridge at Meenamulligan and the construction of a concrete structure spanning 24.3m over the River Crana in the Inishowen Municipal District.

**5. Housing & Corporate**

- a) To consider and adopt the Annual Report for 2018 from the Donegal County Council Audit Committee.
- b) To consider and approve the adoption of the Donegal County Council Annual Service Delivery Plan 2019, in accordance with Section 134 (a) of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- c) Council Housing Estate Maintenance- Policy recommendations from Roads & Transportation and Housing and Corporate SPCs.

**6. Community and Planning**

To consider and note the Donegal Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2018.

**7. Roads and Transportation**

- a) To approve the 2019 Non-National Roads Bridge Strengthening Works Programme.
- b) To adopt the Donegal County Council Noise Action Plan 2018-2023.

**8. Finance**

- a) To consider the report on irrecoverable rates for year ending 2018 in accordance with Section 26(2) of the Local Government Financial Procedures & Audit Regulations 2014.
- b) To adopt Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Glenties Municipal District in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001.

**9. 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**

- AILG Module 2 Training for Local Authority Members to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 in the Radisson Hotel, Sligo.

### **Conferences**

- Irish Planning Institute, Annual Planning Conference to be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim.
- Dundalk Chamber of Commerce, “Cross Border Tourism Conference 2019” to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth.
- Celtic Conferences “Ireland and Plastic Waste” to be held from the 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth.

### **10. Conference Reports**

- Cllr John Campbell – CPMR General Assembly held from the 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 in Funchal, Madeira.
- Cllr Terence Slowey – “Towards a Hard Brexit and its Consequences” held from the 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 in the Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co Cork.
- Cllr Nicholas Crossan – “Celtic Conferences – EU Cohesion Policy 2014 – 2020” held from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth.
- Cllr Terence Slowey – Colmcille Winter School held from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019 in Gartan, Churchill.

## **MOTIONS**

### **DONEGAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

#### **Roads & Transportation**

##### **11. Cllr Micheál Naughton**

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Rural and Community Development Mr Michael Ring TD, to provide more funding for the LIS scheme."

##### **12. Cllr Niamh Kennedy**

"To seek further funding to cope with the influx in Donegal of applications for LIS roads."

### **STRANORLAR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

#### **Economic Development & Tourism**

##### **13. Cllr Frank Mc Brearty**

"I am calling on Donegal County Council to seek funding for tourism, culture and heritage to enhance the following historical sites, Beltony Stone Circle, Raphoe Castle and St Eunan's Cathedral in order to attract more visitors and historians to East Donegal especially when we have the oldest heritage site in the County which is almost 5000 years old."

14. Cllr Gary Doherty

"That Donegal County Council establish and promote "Digital Hubs" in border villages which have economic growth potential in a post-Brexit climate and due to proximity to larger urban centres"

15. Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan

"That Donegal County Council support any large town being bypassed in the current TEN-T Scheme by appointing senior management to help businesses and communities to prepare for any likely impacts including the development of purpose built road access with direct support from the Department of Roads & Transportation and that this be pursued through immediate meetings with Minister Ross and all the Donegal Oireachtas members"

**Housing**

16. Cllr Gerry Crawford

"That we be informed of, and debate existing delays to much needed housing schemes scheduled to have begun countywide."

GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**Community & Planning**

17. Cllr Marie T Gallagher

" That this Council express its disappointment that substantial projects applied for by Donegal County Council to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund have not been successful in the latest announcement by Minister Ring, and commits to seek all funding options to bring these projects to fruition."

INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**Finance**

18. Cllr Nicholas Crossan

"That Donegal County Council contact the Department of Finance and other relevant Departments to change the outdated way in which rates are levied on the business sector in our county and throughout Ireland"

### **Water & Environment**

19. Cllr Albert Doherty

"The All - Ireland Pollinator Plan is about everyone working together and contributing to making the landscape more pollinator friendly"  
That Donegal County Council

- a) Adopt, implement and actively promote the All Ireland Pollinator Plan on council open spaces and parks,
- b) Provide information, training and distribute pollinator guidelines to rural community groups, tidy towns and community development organisations,
- c) Devise and deliver a biodiversity action plan for Donegal County Council.

20. Cllr Jack Murray

"That this Council discusses the need for the development of leisure centre facilities in Donegal."

### **Corporate**

21. Cllr Martin Farren

"I am calling on Donegal County Council to review their policy in relation to services within the Public Service Centres to see if the level of services can be increased."

### **Roads & Transportation**

22. Cllr Paul Canning

"I am asking this Council to start taking the concerns of the public that are living in our towns and villages seriously and put in place proper proposals that can physically slow down traffic."

23. Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness

"That we discuss the LIS Scheme"

## **LETTERKENNY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

### **Corporate**

24. Cllr Adrian Glackin

"That Donegal County Council calls on Oireachtas members in Donegal and across the State to support the speedy passage of the "No

Consent, No Sale Bill" through the Houses of the Oireachtas to protect home owners from having their mortgage sold on to vulture funds without their consent."

### **Housing**

25. Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle

"That this Council strives to adopt a Robust and Adaptable Social Housing Building strategy that delivers adequate social housing to meet the growing demand for social and affordable housing right across our County."

26. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

## QUESTIONS

### DONEGAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

#### **Roads and Transportation**

28. Cllr Niamh Kennedy

"Can I have an update/progress report on my motion regarding multi-denominational graveyards for the county?"

#### **Corporate**

29. Cllr Niamh Kennedy

"Do we have a policy on the protection of our society on bullying and harassment including online bullying and harassment?"

### STRANORLAR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

#### **Roads and Transportation**

30. Cllr Frank Mc Brearty

"I am seeking clarification on why it is taking so long to repair street lighting in different towns, villages, townlands and new lighting that has been waiting for months to be turned on?"

31. Cllr Frank Mc Brearty

"What time frame has Irish Water been given to bring roads back to the standard they were in before any works were carried out?"

32. Cllr Gerry Crawford

Can this Council identify the ten highest collision locations county-wide?"

### **Water & Environment**

33. **Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan**

Please outline the role this Council has in ensuring an adequate and affordable waste collection service in urban and rural parts of the County and how will competition be encouraged and regulated to prevent a monopoly starting in the County

### **Housing**

34. **Cllr Gerry Crawford**

"Can I be provided with an update in relation to social housing in the county to include?"

- a) The number of families currently awaiting social housing.
- b) The longest period spent by any one family on the waiting list.
- c) Clarification as to how many of the families on the list are not receiving HAP.

35. **Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan**

Why is this Council not settling aside sufficient funding from rents collected from tenants in order to carry out essential repairs to Council owned houses, items such as kitchen upgrades, window and door replacements etc and please give a breakdown of rents collected and how this rent revenue is spent year by year?

## **GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

### **Housing**

36. **Cllr Micheál C Mac Giolla Easbuig**

"Iarr ar an Stiúrthóir Tithíochta agus Seirbhísí Corparáideacha an t-eolas thíos a bhaineann le tithe a cheannaigh an tÚdarás Áitiúil thar theárma na Comhairle reatha a chur ar fáil agus an t-eolas sin a chur ar fáil i bhfoirm tábla:

- 1) Suíomh an tí (eastát, baile/sráidbhaile nó baile fearainn)?
- 2) Líon na seomraí codlata sa teach?
- 3) Cineál tí (scoite/leathscoite, árasán, srl)?
- 4) Dáta ar ceannaíodh an teach (mí agus bliain)?
- 5) Luach ceannaigh an tí?



- 6) Costas ar oibreacha feabhais a rinneadh sula ligeadh an teach ar cíos?
- 7) Rátáil Fuinnimh Foirgníochta an tí
- 8) Cá fhad a ghlac sé ón t-am ar ceannaíodh an tí go dtí go ligtear é ar cíos?

“To ask the Director of Housing and Corporate Services to provide in tabular form the following information relating to house purchases by the Local Authority over the term of the current Council:

- 1) Property location (estate, town/village or townland).
- 2) Number of bedrooms in property.
- 3) Property Type (detached/semi detached, flat, etc).
- 4) Date of Purchase of property (month & year).
- 5) Property Purchase Price.
- 6) Cost of subsequent remedial works carried out on property prior to being let.
- 7) Building Energy Rating of the property.
- 8) Length of time taken from purchase of property to letting of property?"

37. Cllr Marie T Gallagher

Will this Council set out its Housing Capital proposals for each MD including a proposal to buy land for development in small villages to develop public housing into the future?

**Community & Planning**

38. Cllr Marie T Gallagher

Could this Council provide me with the number of applications applied for, for towns under the village renewal scheme in 2018, how much was applied for in each application and how much was granted to each application?

**INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Roads & Transportation**

39. Cllr Paul Canning

What is the procedure to review and change speed limits on our regional and county roads?

40. Cllr Albert Doherty

What implications and recommendations regarding slipway safety, harbour congestion, crew safety measures required, government marine investment necessary have resulted from the Council review (upgraded) of county council harbours and piers?, and have review findings and recommendations been published and forwarded to government departments, shared with councillors and relevant stakeholders in the fishing industry yet?

41. Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness

How many LIS applications have been received in each Municipal District and how many of these are duplicates?

**Housing**

42. Cllr Jack Murray

How many houses are in the Council's possession but unoccupied for more than 3 months in each Municipal District?

43. Cllr Jack Murray

What is the current level of housing need in each Municipal District, including those families receiving HAP and support from other housing agencies?

**Community & Planning**

44. Cllr Albert Doherty

What are the personnel and relevant post of responsibility changes made within the Council Planning Section and what number of planning workshops for agents and relevant stakeholders have been organised by Donegal County Council for end of March, 2019 ? (Response to Jan motion)?

45. Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness

How many dedicated staff members are working in Community & Enterprise and can I have a breakdown per Municipal District?

**Water & Environment**

46. Cllr Paul Canning

"What meetings have taken place between the Council and Irish Water with a view to improving the infrastructure within our small towns?"

**LETTERKENNY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Housing**

47. Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle

“How many Social Houses have been built in Donegal over the last 5 years and where have they been built?”

48. Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle

Can I have a list of the Land Banks currently owned by Donegal County Council and their locations?

**49. Motions from Other Councils/Bodies**

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

“That Cork County Council asks the government , both TDs and Senators, to bring the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Amendment) (Climate Emergency Measure) Bill before the Dáil for consideration such that in this time of climate emergency it may be considered for passing into legislation , with or without appropriate amendments, without delay.”

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

“That Laois County Council request funding from the Department of Justice & Equality to facilitate the operational expenses of the County Morgue & Coroner.”

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

“I will ask the elected members for support in calling on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris, T.D. and the Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh, T.D. to work together in providing Speech Therapy in our Primary and Post Primary Schools for children with special needs.”

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

“That Laois County Council contact the Minister for Health, the HSE and the National Office for Suicide Prevention and ask what are their current practices, policies with regard to funding Regional Suicide Prevention Groups as opposed to National Groups.”

LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL

“I will move at the next full Council Meeting that this Council calls on the Department of Housing to consider a grant aid scheme for persons on the housing list where agreement is reached with the house owner and the applicant.”