

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

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24 Samhain 2020

## FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

### DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

#### A Chara

Beidh Cruinniú de Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ar siúl Dé Luain, 30 Samhain 2020, ag **11.00am in in Ionad Fóillíochta an Aura, Salach an Ghráin, Leitir Ceanainn.** Ta Clár an chruinnithe leis seo.

Beidh Clár Orduithe an Phríomh-Fheidhmeannaigh le feiceáil ag an chruinniú

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## DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of Meetings Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

### NOTICE OF MEETING

### TO EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

#### Dear Councillor

A Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, at **11.00am in the Aura Leisure Centre, Sallaghagrane, Letterkenny.** The agenda for the meeting is attached.

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

#### Yours sincerely



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Joe Peoples  
Meetings Administrator

# AGENDA

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the September Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
- b) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Adjourned September Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.
- c) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

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

- a) To approve the construction of 42 no. residential units including all associated site development works at Drumacrin, Bundoran.
- b) To approve the construction of 16 no. 2-storey social housing units complete with landscaped area, car parking, new access road, and all associated site works including open space at Crana Crescent, Bunrana including car park upgrades to existing Crana View/Crescent estate.
- c) To approve works in relation to the upgrade of the existing R263 & L-1195 with the provision of road widening and the improvement of the alignment between the towns of Chill Chartha and na Carraige at Halls Junction.

## **3. Corporate**

- a) To amend Standing Orders by inserting a new Standing Order No. 90 to regulate the proceedings of Council in holding remote meetings.
- b) To consider and approve the adoption of the Donegal County Council Annual Report 2019 in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- c) To approve the Schedule of Council Meetings for 2021
- d) To fill casual vacancy on Coiste na Gaelige arising from the resignation of Cllr Michael Mc Clafferty.
- e) To fill casual vacancy on Coiste na Gaeilge arising from the resignation of Cllr Frank Mc Brearty.
- f) To fill casual vacancy on the Emergency Response Committee arising from the resignation of Cllr Frank Mc Brearty.

## **4. Finance**

- a) To consider and note the Donegal County Council Audited Financial Statement 2019.
- b) To consider and note the Local Government Audit Report on the Annual Financial Statement for 2019.
- c) To note the report from the Donegal County Council Audit Committee on its consideration of the 2019 Audited Financial Statement and Audit Report for 2019 of Donegal County Council as required by Section 121(3) of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended)
- d) To consider the Three Year Capital programme for Donegal County Council for the period 2021-2023.

- e) To agree Overdraft Accommodation of €10,000,000 for the full year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

### **5. Planning**

- a) Proposed Variation to the County Development Plan 2018-2024 to ensure alignment with the National Planning Framework and Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy; To approve the following:-
- 'Proposed Variation No 2';
  - Approve the document entitled 'Introduction and Scope of the Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan, 2018-2024 in respect of the Alignment of the CDP with the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy (RSES) (Variation No. 2)';
  - Approve the formal commencement of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), and Appropriate Assessment (AA) processes in respect of the "Proposed Variation" as per no. 1 above.
- b) To note progress report on the Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal.

### **6. Endorsement of Minutes**

- a) To note minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 in the County House, Lifford.
- b) To note minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020 in the Aura Leisure Centre, Letterkenny.

## **MOTIONS**

### **LIFFORD-STRANORLAR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

#### **Corporate**

#### **7. Cllr Gerry Crawford**

"That this Council adopt this motion requesting the Minister for Defence to present the Gallantry and Distinguished Service medals to those who under UN mandate served in Jadotville as part of A Company 35th Infantry Battalion Personnel including the Donegal personnel involved, as it is important that we recognise the gallantry of all those who took part in the mission".

#### **Water & Environment**

#### **8. Cllr Liam Doherty**

"I am calling on Donegal County Council to request Irish Water to waive the fees for all voluntary/ sporting and community groups during this Covid pandemic, owing to the fact they cannot implement their normal fundraising events due to the Covid restrictions".

### **Economic Development**

9. **Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan**

"That this Council facilitate a study on how to develop tourism in East Donegal and please outline what options could be considered in your response".

### **Planning**

10. **Cllr Gary Doherty**

"That Donegal County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to urge for the urgent publication of updated Wind Energy Guidelines, and as soon as possible vary the County Development Plan to ensure no repeat of recent ecological disasters or harm to environment, residents or wildlife".

## **INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

### **Water & Environment**

11. **Cllr Jack Murray**

"That this Council affirms its commitment to supporting, encouraging and developing healthy communities throughout Donegal and recognises the importance of leisure centre facilities in achieving that end, as such; it will prioritise the development of top class facilities in the county".

### **Corporate**

12. **Cllr Albert Doherty**

Respite care provision for intellectual disabilities persons and their carers.  
" That Donegal County Council urge Minister Stephen Donnelly, Minister of State Anne Rabbitte, and the HSE to ensure the resumption and provision of increased and adequate respite beds and residential support for both children and adults with intellectual disabilities and that the pivotal and supportive role of carers who selflessly provide care for their family and relatives at home is acknowledged and that the carers immediate needs for support, additional access for respite support and mental well being is met with increased government assistance."

### **Economic Development**

13. **Cllr Terry Crossan**

"I call on Donegal County Council to write to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine asking him to ensure that the herring fishing industry in Lough Foyle is not subjected to overfishing by larger vessels which will eventually decimate the stocks".

### **Roads & Transportation**

14. **Cllr Paul Canning**

"Given the recent increase in traffic volumes using the small country back roads going in and out of Northern Ireland, I would ask this Council to carry out a survey of these roads to ascertain the need for traffic calming measures".

## LETTERKENNY – MILFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

### **Roads & Transportation**

15. Cllr Michael Mc Bride

"That Donegal County Council form a working group dedicated to the development of Greenways in Donegal".

16. Cllr Liam Blaney

"That Donegal County Council writes to the Taoiseach requesting that a rail link from Letterkenny to Derry be examined given the news that the Shared Island Unit in his Department are already examining Speed Rail from Derry through Belfast and onto Dublin and that we write to the other Local Authorities along the route seeking their support for this project".

### **Corporate**

17. Cllr Donal Coyle

"That this Council write to the Supreme Commander of the Defence Forces, President Michael D.Higgins; the Taoiseach Michéal Martin T.D. and Minister for Defence, Simon Coveney T.D.requesting that the Irish soldiers from A Company, 35th Infantry Battalion who fought so bravely at the siege of Jadotville in the Congo in 1961, be awarded the Gallantry and Distinguished Service Medals that they so richly deserve".

### **Finance**

18. Cllr Ian Mc Garvey

"That Donegal County Council accepts full responsibility for the management and maintenance of Council assets".

## DONEGAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

### **Corporate**

19. Cllr Niamh Kennedy

"Requesting that Donegal County Council write to the Ministers for Justice, Finance and Public Expenditure to make provisions where drug and drug trafficking monies confiscated under the "Proceeds of Crime Legislation" be redirected from central coffers back into local addiction services, youth organisations and community initiatives to combat the effect of addiction on our communities, and that the necessary legislation is changed as a matter of urgency to allow this vital funding support to happen".

### **Housing**

20. Cllr Noel Jordan

"I would ask that this Council provide policy and the necessary funding to upgrade and maintain service lanes to our housing stock throughout the county".

21. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

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

## **QUESTIONS**

### **LIFFORD - STRANORLAR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

#### **Roads & Transportation**

23. **Cllr Gerry Crawford**

What preparations has the Council put in place for the upcoming winter gritting requirements?

24. **Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan**

Please give an update on traffic calming works carried out outside all schools across the county and which schools are yet to be completed, including National Primary Road's?

#### **Housing**

25. **Cllr Gerry Crawford**

How many transfer requests county-wide (by MD) have been made to the Housing Section during 2018, 2019 and 2020 to date, including how many have been approved and how many have taken place?

#### **Water & Environment**

26. **Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan**

Please give details of all cross-border water connections and give details on same?

### **INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

#### **Cultural Services**

27. **Cllr Albert Doherty**

DCC: All Ireland Pollinator Plan.

How has Donegal County Council's cross directorate co-ordinated approach to deliver on the All Ireland Pollinator Plan and biodiversity related activity progressed to date (Nov 2020)? and what practices have the Council adopted and implemented in 2020 to support biodiversity through natural pollination?

#### **Housing**

28. **Cllr Albert Doherty**

Council Housing Stock/Remedial Works Plan

Did DCC brief Minister Darragh O'Brien on the extent of the MICA related issues affecting the Council's Housing Stock during his visit on August 6 last and of the significant multi -annual funding support required from government for remedial works to the tenants' homes? Since no targeted support for Council housing affected by MICA was provided in Budget 2021, will the Council now submit an annual application to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage commencing in 2020 to secure such needed funding?

### **Roads & Transportation**

29. **Cllr Paul Canning**

Can the Council confirm the results from the traffic surveys carried out by Road Design in border areas and indicate what their traffic calming proposals are?

### **Planning**

30. **Cllr Paul Canning**

Upgrade works and the connection of housing estates to main treatment systems  
Can the Council provide me with an update in relation to the status of same?

## **LETTERKENNY - MILFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

### **Roads & Transportation**

31. **Cllr Ian Mc Garvey**

Does Donegal County Council only have records up to 2018 for the volume of traffic on our busy roads?

32. **Cllr Ian Mc Garvey**

What is the timescale for improvement works to the Letterkenny/Lifford Road (N14)?

33. **Cllr Ciaran Brogan**

When will the Active Travel /Greenways team be fully staffed and operational?

### **Finance**

34. **Cllr Ciaran Brogan**

Can we get an updated report on all of our council assets per MD and the intended use for each so that we can explore all avenues of use and funding opportunities with local community and sporting organisations?

35. **Cllr Ciaran Brogan**

What level of external grant funding has been allocated to Donegal County Council in 2020, and a breakdown of co-funding being provided by us to avail of the funding?

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

### **CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

"That Carlow County Council recognises that:

- The Mother and Baby Homes represent a very dark part of our State's History.
- That survivors of Mother and Baby Homes have legitimate concerns regarding access to their personal information.

Therefore, the Council will write to the Taoiseach and Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration requesting the following:

- That the Final Report of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation be published as soon as possible and include the details of the experiences of survivors in each institution.
- That the Government provide a full State response to the findings and recommendations of the Final Report.
- That the Government publish new statutory information and tracing legislation without delay.
- That survivors of Mother and Baby Homes are given access to their personal records in a manner consistent with GDPR.
- That the Department of Children and Túsła work with the Office of the DPC to ensure that the rights of survivors to personal information about themselves under data protection legislation and the GDPR are fully respected.
- That the Government urgently put in place a range of supports for survivors and adoptees.
- That the Government continues to engage in consultation with survivors and their representative organisations as they establish a national archive of records related to institutional trauma during the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- That a copy of this motion should also be sent to every local authority in Ireland, north and south, as correspondence.”

#### **CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

“That Cavan County Council write to the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, Northern Ireland asking that an All-Ireland approach be implemented when tackling the spread of Covid 19 throughout the Island.”

#### **KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Defence and the Government to award the medals which were recommended for those Irish Peacekeepers who participated in the Battle of Jadotville in 1961. To give due recognition and award the MMG to former Commandant Pat Quinlan of Caherdaniel, Co. Kerry. The inactivity around this issue is a stain on the reputation of the Nation. That this notice of motion also be sent to all Local Authorities.”

#### **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY**

“That we Killarney MD would put up notices at uncontrolled crossings, informing the public that they do not have the right to just walk across, as this is at the discretion of the driver and cyclists to stop”.

#### **MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL**

“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Health, the Department of Health and NPHET to make available weekly or bi-monthly, details of confirmed COVID-19 cases on a townland basis. This would ensure further compliance with COVID-19 measures and encourage the principle of “We are all in this together” bringing communities together to reduce the spread of the virus locally.”



**MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL**

“Meath Council Council calls upon the Departments of Communications, Climate Action and Environment & Agriculture, Fisheries and Marine to introduce a remunerated DUMP (dispose of unwanted medicines properly) scheme, through pharmacies to promote the safe and appropriate disposal of animal & human medicines, to reduce pharmaceutical waste in the environment.”

**SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**

“To call on Sligo County Council to write to the Taoiseach asking him to implement the recommendations of the Grant Thornton report on the future of the post office network.”

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

“That Wexford County Council call on the government to amend the remit of Irish Water to fund County Councils to allow them to deal with, increase capacity in and manage rural waste water systems in our rural villages with a population of less than 3,000, to protect the survival and growth of rural Ireland.”

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL,  
HELD IN THE AURA LEISURE CENTRE LETTERKENNY ON 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER,  
2020**

**C/234/20 MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllrs R Donaghey (Cathaoirleach), L Blaney, K Bradley, C Brogan, P Canning, T Conaghan, D Coyle, G Crawford, N Crossan, T Crossan, A Doherty, G Doherty, M Farren, Maire T Gallagher, M Harley, N Jordan, D M Kelly, N Kennedy, M C Mac Giolla Easbuig, F Mc Brearty Jnr, M Mc Bride, M Mc Clafferty, M McDermott, I Mc Garvey, N Mc Garvey, P Mc Gowan, G Mc Monagle, A Molloy, J Murray, M Naughton, J O'Donnell, J S Ó Fearraigh, and B Sweeny.

*Online*

Cllrs J Kavanagh, B Mc Guinness

**C/235/20 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs L Doherty and M Mc Mahon who were unable to attend the meeting.

**C/236/20 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

John McLaughlin, Chief Executive, Joe Peoples, Director of Housing, Corporate and Cultural Services / Meetings Administrator, Liam Ward, Director Community Development & Planning Services, Brendan O'Donnell, A/Director of Roads & Transportation, Richard Gibson, A/Head of Finance, Garry Martin, Director of Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services, Michael McGarvey, Director of Water & Environment, Sean O'Daimhin, Rannóg na Gaeilge, Frances Friel, Communications Officer, Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer, Corporate.

**C/237/20 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020.**

On the proposal of Cllr Crawford, seconded by Cllr I Mc Garvey the minutes of the September meeting of Donegal County Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 were adopted.

**C/238/20 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED SEPTEMBER MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020**

On the proposal of Cllr Sweeny, seconded by Cllr N McGarvey the minutes of the adjourned September meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 were adopted.

**C/239/20 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2020.**

On the proposal of Cllr McDermott, seconded by Cllr Conaghan the minutes of the Special Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 were adopted.

**C/240/20 TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF 42 NO. RESIDENTIAL UNITS INCLUDING ALL ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT DRUMACRIN, BUNDORAN.**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr Sweeny, seconded by Cllr Jordan, the construction of 42 no. residential units including associated site development works at Drumacrin, Bundoran in the Donegal Municipal District under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001(as amended) was approved.

C/241/20 **TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF 16 NO. 2 STOREY SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS COMPLETE WITH LANDSCAPED AREA, CAR PARKING, NEW ACCESS ROAD INCLUDING ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AND OPEN SPACE AT CRANA CRESCENT, BUNCRANA INCLUDING CAR PARK UPGRADES TO EXISTING CRANA VIEW/CRESCENT ESTATE.**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Donaghey it was resolved that the item be deferred for consideration at the Adjourned Meeting of Council scheduled to take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

C/242/20 **TO APPROVE WORKS IN RELATION TO THE UPGRADE OF THE EXISTING R263 & L1195 INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF ROAD WIDENING AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF CHILL CHARTHA AND NA CARRAIGE AT HALLS JUNCTION**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the upgrading of the existing R263 & L1195 with the provision of road widening and the improvement of the alignment between the towns of Chill Chartha and na Carraige at Halls Junction under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001(as amended) was approved.

C/243/20 **INSERTION OF NEW STANDING ORDER NO. 90 - TO REGULATE THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL IN HOLDING REMOTE MEETINGS.**

Members considered the draft proposed amendments to Standing Orders circulated with the agenda.

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Gallagher it was resolved to amend standing orders and insert a new standing order no. 90 to regulate the proceedings of Council with regard to the holding of remote meetings.

C/244/20 **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Brogan, it was resolved to adopt the Donegal County Council Annual Report 2019 and to approve the publication of same in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

**C/245/20 TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2021**

Members considered the Draft Annual Report 2019 circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Brogan, it was resolved to adopt the Schedule of Council Meetings for 2021.

**C/246/20 TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY ON COISTE NA GAELIGE ARISING FROM THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR MICHAEL MCCLAFFERTY**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr I Mc Garvey it was resolved to defer the matter to a future meeting of the Council.

**C/247/20 TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY ON COISTE NA GAELIGE ARISING FROM THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR FRANK MCBREARTY.**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr I McGarvey it was resolved to defer the matter to a future meeting of the Council.

**C/248/20 TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY ON THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ARISING FROM THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR FRANK MCBREARTY.**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr I McGarvey it was resolved to defer the matter to a future meeting of the Council.

Cllr Mc Brearty asked for clarity in relation to membership of the various Council Committees. Mr Joe Peoples, Meetings Administrator confirmed that a note of clarification would issue in due course.

**C/249/20 TO CONSIDER AND NOTE THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above and noted the contents of the Donegal County Council Audited Financial Statement for 2019.

**C/250/20 TO CONSIDER AND NOTE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT REPORT ON THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2019.**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above and noted the contents of the Local Government Audit Report on the Annual Financial Statement for 2019.

**C/251/20 TO NOTE THE REPORT FROM THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE 2019 AUDITED**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND AUDIT REPORT FOR 2019 OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above and noted the contents of the report from the Donegal County Council Audit Committee on its consideration of the 2019 Audited Financial Statement and Audit Report for 2019 of Donegal County Council as required under Section 121(3) of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

**C/252/20 TO CONSIDER THE THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD 2021-2023**

It was unanimously agreed that the programme required detailed consideration given that additional clarification was needed with regard to a number of items. Members advised of the need for discussion in relation to the following:-

- The plans for Glencolmcille Fire Station.
- Budgetary provision for the operation of the Defective Concrete Blocks (Scheme) including details of the funding that is to be provided.
- Updated report requested in relation to the status of all assets due to be transferred to Irish Water by the end of 2020.
- Clarity needed with regard to the identification of all Council assets including the use of same for job creation purposes. Noted that a cross directorate approach was needed to identify and utilise appropriate funding sources so that development could proceed at MD level.

On the proposal of Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Sweeny it was resolved to defer consideration of the Three Year Capital Programme for Donegal County Council for the period 2021-2023 to the Adjourned Meeting of Council, scheduled to take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

**C/253/20 TO AGREE OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION OF €10,000,000 FOR THE FULL YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2021.**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

The A/Head of Finance said that the provision for the overdraft accommodation was a prudent financial decision taken to ensure that there would be access to funding into the future to provide for the co-funding of specific projects that might arise outside of normal programme provisions.

It had not been used, he said, over the past 6-7 years and was there simply as an additional opportunity for boosting the cash flow. It was available, he said, at no additional cost, but would only incur some costs if the facility was needed.

Cllr I Mc Garvey said that it was imperative going forward that the facility to borrow money was available at Municipal District level.

It was noted that the Bank had made, and was continuing to make, available to the Council overdraft facility (the "Facility") for the purposes of the working capital needs of the Council.

On the proposal of Cllr I Mc Garvey, seconded by Cllr Mc Clafferty it was resolved in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001 and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage that:

(a) It is in the best interests of the Council and in line with its statutory rights and obligations to avail of the facility and provide the Guarantee up to an amount of ten million euro (€10,000,000).

(b) Accordingly, the Council agrees to avail of the facility and provide the Guarantee.

(c) Each of the persons undertaking the roles of Donegal Chief Executive and the Head of Finance from time to time be authorised, together and separately, to negotiate the terms of each of the facility letters put, and to be put, in place to document the facility (each, a "Facility Letter" and together, the "Facility Letters"), together with any amendments or variations to the Guarantee or replacement Guarantee, and to sign each such Facility letter and Guarantee by way of acceptance of the terms of such document (including, without limitation, all terms and conditions referred to in each such Facility letter) and that each such signed Facility letter and Guarantee shall be fully binding on, and enforceable against, the Council; and

(d) The Council ratifies the availing of the Facility by the Council, within the limits specified, and confirms the execution of all Facility Letters together with the Guarantee.

C/254/20 **PROPOSED VARIATION TO THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2024 TO ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH THE NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK AND REGIONAL SPATIAL AND ECONOMIC STRATEGY.**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

Cllr Naughton said that there were a number of variations to be considered at this point and that it would be better to wait and consider these collectively as soon as all the details were in place.

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Brogan it was resolved that the item be further discussed by the Planning Strategic Policy Committee in mid December and following same that additional consideration be given to the matter in a workshop format. The matter to be brought back to Plenary Council in January 2021.

Mr Liam Ward, Director Community Development & Planning Services said that a report had already been presented to the Planning Strategic Policy Committee and that the report currently before members contained an additional level of detail. Specific changes, he noted, had been made to reflect issues raised by members. Arrangements, he confirmed, would be

made for consideration of the matter at the forthcoming Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting and Plenary Workshop.

**C/255/20 TO NOTE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PROPOSED VARIATION TO THE COUNTY DONEGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2024 IN RESPECT OF THE TEN-T PRIORITY ROUTE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, DONEGAL**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Conaghan the progress report on the proposed variation to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal was noted.

**C/256/20 TO NOTE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE POLICY GROUP HELD ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020.**

On the proposal of Cllr O' Donnell, seconded by Cllr Brogan the minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 were noted.

**C/257/20 TO NOTE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE POLICY GROUP HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2020**

On the proposal of Cllr O' Donnell, seconded by Cllr Brogan the minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020 were noted.

**C/258/20 WORKING GROUP TO PROGRESS THE DEVELOPMENT OF GREENWAYS IN DONEGAL**

It was unanimously agreed to vary the order of business and take the following motion at this juncture.

On the proposal of Cllr McBride, seconded by Cllr Mc Giolla Easbuig it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

"That Donegal County Council form a working group dedicated to the development of Greenways in Donegal".

He received a response from the Director of Roads & Transportation in relation to the above.

It was imperative, he said, that projects were shovel ready so as to avail of the next tranche of funding in 2021. Donegal it was noted had a vast number of natural routes which could be used for the overall benefit of the people of Donegal. The Letterkenny to Burtonport and the Ballybofey to Donegal Town projects were fine examples of this, he noted. People, he added, were already using these routes

He welcomed the progress on the Burtonport to Letterkenny Greenway and outlined the need for community representation on the proposed

ActiveTravel/Greenways Development Team. A successive network of Greenways would, he contended, greatly benefit the tourist industry in the county.

Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig supporting the motion said that a dedicated plan needed to be put in place so as to avail of all possible funding options. He said he was of the opinion that the Burtonport to Letterkenny Project had been overlooked somewhat in the past but welcomed the funding provision in the 2021 Budget Book.

There was no opposition to the motion.

C/259/20 **GALLANTRY AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDALS FOR THOSE WHO SERVED UNDER UN MANDATE IN JADOTVILLE**

It was unanimously agreed to consider Motions No. 7 and 17 together.

On the proposal of Cllr Crawford, seconded by Cllr Coyle it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

"That this Council adopt this motion requesting the Minister for Defence to present the Gallantry and Distinguished Service medals to those who under UN mandate served in Jadotville as part of A Company 35th Infantry Battalion Personnel including the Donegal personnel involved, as it is important that we recognise the gallantry of all those who took part in the mission".

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Crawford it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

"That this Council write to the Supreme Commander of the Defence Forces, President Michael D.Higgins; the Taoiseach Micheál Martin T.D. and Minister for Defence, Simon Coveney T.D.requesting that the Irish soldiers from A Company, 35th Infantry Battalion who fought so bravely at the siege of Jadotville in the Congo in 1961, be awarded the Gallantry and Distinguished Service Medals that they so richly deserve".

Cllrs Crawford and Coyle received a response from the Director of Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services in relation to the above.

Cllr Crawford said that it was imperative that the courage and bravery of these soldiers was recognised once and for all.

Cllr Coyle noted that Bobby Bradley from Killea was the last surviving Donegal member from A Company and was clearly deserving of this honour.

It was thus agreed to write to the President, Michael D Higgins, the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin T.D and the Minister for Defence, Simon Coveney, T.D. requesting that the Gallantry and Distinguished Service



medals are awarded to the members of A Company, 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion who fought so bravely in Jadotville.

There was no opposition to the motion.

C/260/20 **FACILITATION OF A STUDY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN EAST DONEGAL**

On the proposal of Cllr McGowan, seconded by Cllr Crawford it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

"That this Council facilitate a study on how to develop tourism in East Donegal and please outline what options could be considered in your response".

He received a response from the Director of Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services in relation to the above.

Cllr Mc Gowan said that there was a clear lack of focus in relation to tourism development in East Donegal. This, he said, needed to change given that members had supported the Local Property Tax and the 2021 Budget in order to ensure the continued development of the tourism industry in Donegal. He welcomed the response and asked that provision be made in the 5 year Tourism Strategy for the development of tourism projects in the east of Donegal especially along the border.

Cllr Crawford concurred with this assessment.

There was no opposition to the motion.

C/261/20 **THAT DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WRITE TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING, PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REQUESTING URGENT PUBLICATION OF THE UPDATED WIND ENERGY GUIDELINES.**

On the proposal of Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Gallagher it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

"That Donegal County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to urge for the urgent publication of updated Wind Energy Guidelines, and as soon as possible vary the County Development Plan to ensure no repeat of recent ecological disasters or harm to environment, residents or wildlife".

He received a response from the Director of Community Development & Planning Services in relation to the above.

Cllr Doherty alluded to recent events at Meenbog and the ensuing environmental implications for the Mournebeg River. He acknowledged that there had been a multi-agency meeting to assess the implications of same but said that it was imperative that the Council further examined activity at Meenbog so as to investigate the cause of the slippage and the ensuing

environmental impact under the Water Pollution Act. He was, he said, concerned that further works had taken place at the site and called on the Council to proceed with its investigations as soon as possible.

The County Development Plan, he said, needed to be updated so as to prevent the development of wind farms in areas that were unsuitable and in cases where developments were being pursued against the wishes of the local community. He thus called on the Council to write to the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government urging the immediate publication of the Wind Energy Guidelines so that a variation of the Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024 could be expedited. This, he confirmed would go some way in preventing a repeat of the recent ecological disasters.

Cllr Gallagher said that members had been told in 2018 that the Guidelines were imminent and had over the years put considerable effort into wind energy plans. Communities across Donegal, she said, were being severely impacted at this juncture as there were currently no wind energy guidelines in our County Development Plan.

There was no opposition to the motion.

C/262/20 **SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT DONEGAL**

On the proposal of Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr A Doherty it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

"That this Council affirms its commitment to supporting, encouraging and developing healthy communities throughout Donegal and recognises the importance of leisure centre facilities in achieving that end, as such; it will prioritise the development of top class facilities in the county".

He received a response from the Director of Water & Environment in relation to the above.

Cllr Murray said that the reply was encouraging and noted that there was provision in the Three Year Capital Programme to progress the refurbishment of Bunrana Leisure Centre which had been closed since 2015. The centre, he advised, helped provide vital life skills which were important in a coastal county like Donegal. This, he acknowledged was a very positive development for the people of Inishowen.

Cllr A. Doherty noted that many facilities county- wide including the library services were re-opening after the lockdown and noted that such services were vital for the promotion and development of healthy communities.

There was no opposition to the motion.

C/263/20 **RESPIRE CARE PROVISION FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR CARERS.**

On the proposal of Cllr A Doherty, seconded by Cllr McMonagle it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

Respite care provision for persons with intellectual disabilities and their carers.

" That Donegal County Council urge Minister Stephen Donnelly, Minister of State Anne Rabbitte, and the HSE to ensure the resumption and provision of increased and adequate respite beds and residential support for both children and adults with intellectual disabilities and that the pivotal and supportive role of carers who selflessly provide care for their family and relatives at home is acknowledged and that the carers immediate needs for support, additional access for respite support and mental well being is met with increased government assistance."

He received a response from the Director of Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services in relation to the above.

Cllr A Doherty alluded in particular to the Riverwalk House facility in Carndonagh which provided respite care for adults in need of emergency support. There was currently, he said, only one bed available and this was to cater for 41 adults and 5 children with intellectual disabilities who at any one point in time might need to avail of the service.

Family carers, he said, were a pivotal part of the support network and the county would have been lost this year without such individuals. It was essential going forward, he added, that adequate funding was provided to allow for an increase in respite beds in 2021.

Cllr Mc Monagle outlined his support for the motion.

There was no opposition to the motion.

C/264/20 **REPRESENTATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE IN RELATION TO THE HERRING FISHING INDUSTRY IN LOUGH FOYLE**

On the proposal of Cllr T Crossan, seconded by Cllr A Doherty it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

"I call on Donegal County Council to write to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine asking him to ensure that the herring fishing industry in Lough Foyle is not subjected to overfishing by larger vessels which will eventually decimate the stocks".

He received a response from the Director of Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services in relation to the above.

Cllr Crossan said that the overturning of the decision prohibiting larger fishing vessels from fishing in inshore waters had been the death knell for Lough Foyle. Small scale fishermen who fished in Lough Foyle were, he advised, in danger of losing their livelihoods.

He called on the Minister to keep a close eye on the developments and to overturn the current ruling on larger fishing boats. Oyster and salmon fishing, he said, had already been decimated and herring fishing was heading in the same direction.

Cllr A Doherty advised of the need to fight for the retention of traditional fishing rights. Locals, he said, were enraged at the situation and the fact that these larger boats were not obeying the quota rules. It was important, he added, that the plight of inshore fishermen was sufficiently highlighted.

There was no opposition to the motion.

C/265/20 **SURVEY OF THE SMALL COUNTY BACK ROADS GOING IN AND OUT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.**

On the proposal of Cllr Canning, seconded by Cllr Brogan it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

"Given the recent increase in traffic volumes using the small county back roads going in and out of Northern Ireland, I would ask this Council to carry out a survey of these roads to ascertain the need for traffic calming measures".

He received a response from the Director of Roads & Transportation in relation to the above.

Cllr Canning said his motion was intended to highlight the need for traffic calming particularly in areas such as Bridgend where specific issues had arisen in proximity to the local national school. Locals, he advised, had raised the matter on a number of occasions and a petition signed by concerned parents and locals had failed to achieve a satisfactory outcome. Increased signage it was noted had also failed to address the problem. Policy issues at design stage were part of the problem at this juncture, he noted..

He called for clarity in relation to the policy on the installation of ramps and outlined the need to revisit same with some haste. Immediate attention was also sought in relation to traffic management at Bridgend School together with the provision of a raised pedestrian crossing.

Cllr Brogan said a common sense approach was needed and that collaborative effort was needed to address the problem.

There was no opposition to the motion.

C/266/20 **RAIL LINK FROM LETTERKENNY TO DERRY BE EXAMINED**

On the proposal of Cllr Blaney, seconded by Cllr Coyle it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

“That Donegal County Council writes to the Taoiseach requesting that a rail link from Letterkenny to Derry be examined given the news that the Shared Island Unit in his Department are already examining Speed Rail from Derry through Belfast and onto Dublin and that we write to the other Local Authorities along the route seeking their support for this project”.

He received a response from the Director of Roads & Transportation in relation to the above

Cllr Blaney said that a rail link between Derry and Donegal would be of enormous benefit for this county and would feed nicely into the Derry to Dublin link.

He called for a cross-party delegation, including members of the Oireachtas, and led by the Cathaoirleach to meet with the Taoiseach, and the Minister for Communications, Climate Action, Environment, Transport , Tourism & Sport to discuss rail links into the North West.

Rail infrastructure he said would complement the long awaited A5 project and strengthen links into the county.

Cllr I Mc Garvey alluded to the fact that Rail committee had been established a number of years ago and cited the importance of maintaining cross-border links.

Cllr G Doherty noted that a motion submitted on his behalf to the July Council Meeting had requested that a feasibility study be conducted, route options developed, and a preferred route selected for the establishment of a rail link to the North West

There was no option to the motion.

C/267/20 **DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL ACCEPTS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL ASSETS**

On the proposal of Cllr I Mc Garvey, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

"That Donegal County Council accepts full responsibility for the management and maintenance of Council assets".

He received a response from the Head of Finance in relation to the above.

Cllr Mc Garvey said that it was essential that the Council took full responsibility for all its assets and cited the following as an example of where additional consideration was needed.

- Aughadahor Road & Beach
- Drumlackagh Mountain
- Drumnacraig Beach
- The Seven Arches, Portsalon

- The Great Arch, Portsalon
- The Greenside & Cornmill, Ramelton
- Property at Bridgend, Ramelton
- Drumonaghan Wood

He said that he was of the opinion that many of these assets had been neglected and asked that this be followed up and rectified over the coming months with the relevant support and backup provided. Support and adequate funding at national level was also required, he added.

Municipal Districts, he advised, needed to be in a position to borrow money, at viable rates to advance many of the smaller programmes and to ensure adequate maintenance of the Council's assets.

He said that consideration needed to be given to the most economical way of dealing with road's programmes and expressed concern that one of our most valuable assets was now in the hands of Irish Water.

Cllr O' Donnell concurred with the above.

There was no opposition to the motion.

C/268/20 **MONIES CONFISCATED UNDER THE "PROCEEDS OF CRIME LEGISLATION"**

Cllr Kennedy said that she wished to amend the motion and thus it was resolved on the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr N Crossan to adopt the following motion:-

"Requesting that Donegal County Council write to the Ministers for Justice, Finance and Public Expenditure to make provision for all monies confiscated under the "Proceeds of Crime Legislation" to be redirected from central coffers back into local addiction services, youth organisations and community initiatives to combat the effect of addiction on our communities, and that the necessary legislation is changed as a matter of urgency to allow this vital funding support to happen".

She received a response from the Director of Housing, Corporate & Culture Services in relation to the above.

Cllr Kennedy said that additional addiction services were required at local level and that the reallocation of these monies would help groups dealing with the problems on the ground.

Cllr N Crossan outlined his support for the motion.

There was no opposition to the motion.

C/269/20 **POLICY AND FUNDING FOR THE UPGRADE AND MAINTAINANCE OF SERVICE LANES IN COUNCIL HOUSING ESTATES**

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Murray it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

“I would ask that this Council provide policy and the necessary funding to upgrade and maintain service lanes to our housing stock throughout the county”.

He received a response from the Director of Housing, Corporate & Culture Services in relation to the above.

Cllr Jordan welcomed the response and noted that it was proposed to bring a policy proposal on the matter to the Roads & Transportation and the Housing & Corporate Strategic Policy Committees, prior to consideration at Plenary level. He asked that an audit of service lanes be carried out in each Municipal District and a report presented to members for discussion at plenary level.

Cllr Murray concurred with this assessment.

There was no opposition to the motion.

C/270/20 **CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS**

The Cathaoirleach referred to the lifting of the level 5 Covid-19 restrictions on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. She called on people to act responsibly given that there were particular challenges ahead in light of the high number of cases in Donegal. She noted that Letterkenny University Hospital had currently the largest number of Covid patients in the country. There was some good news, she said however in terms of a vaccine becoming available in the New Year. It was imperative, she added, that everybody remained safe and that we all did what we could to prevent the spread of the virus.

C/271/20 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda and noted the items listed below:

**1. Community Development & Planning Services**

A. Regeneration Team Update

*(i) Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)*

*(ii) Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)*

B. CLÁR 2020

C. Keep Well Campaign

**2. Finance**

A. COVID-19 Business Restart Grant Scheme

- B. Commercial Rates – Nine-Month Waiver 2020
- C. Donegal County Council's Small Business Grant Scheme

**3. Economic Development, Emergency Services and Information Systems**

- A. Buy Donegal
- B. Golden Bridges Virtual Conference 2020
- C. Donegal Place Branding Strategy
- D. BREXIT
- E. Local Enterprise Office COVID-19 Supports
- F. Business Development Programmes

**4. Roads & Transportation**

Donegal National Roads Office Update

**5. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services**

- A. Cultural Services
  - (i) Creative Ireland
  - (ii) Library Service
  - (iii) Arts Service
  - (iv) Regional Cultural Centre
  - (v) Archives
  - (vi) County Donegal Heritage Office

**6. Water and Environment**

- A. Waste and Litter Management
  - (i) Annual School Bikes Africa Appeal
  - (ii) Green Schools Online Teacher Seminars
  - (iii) Dog Fouling Awareness
  - (iv) National Reuse Month - October
  - (v) Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards
  - (vi) Environment Community Grants
  - (vii) Online "People for Bees" Workshop
  
- B. Coastal Management
  - (i) End of Bathing Season
  - (ii) Beach Ringbuoy Inspections
  - (iii) Bundoran Lifeguard Station – Improvement works
  - (iv) Bundoran Public Conveniences
  - (v) Rossnowlagh Beach Lifeguard Station
  - (vi) Rathmullan Beach Invasive Species



- (vii) Culdaff Beach Landscaping Improvements
- (viii) Dooley Beach Access
- (ix) *Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management*
- (x) *Fin Swim*

C. Air Quality Monitoring Letterkenny

#### **7. Updates Previously Provided to Members (Appendices)**

- A. Notification of Funding Allocation in respect of a) July Jobs Stimulus Package b) Approval of Bids under the Multi-annual Developer Provided Water Services Resolution Programme 2019-2021 Appendix 1
- B. Notification of Funding Allocation in respect of July Jobs Stimulus Package – Community Monuments Fund Appendix 2
- C. Restart Grant Scheme and other supports for businesses affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic Appendix 3

The Chief Executive noted that as the time allowed for the meeting was limited it would be possible to facilitate additional discussion on the report at Municipal District level.

The following questions were noted.

#### **C/272/20 WINTER GRITTING REQUIREMENTS**

Cllr Crawford submitted the following question:-

“What preparations has the Council put in place for the upcoming winter gritting requirements?”

He received a response from the A/Director of Roads & Transportation.

#### **C/273/20 UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING WORKS OUTSIDE SCHOOLS**

Cllr McGowan submitted the following question:-

Please give an update on traffic calming works carried out outside all schools across the county and which schools are yet to be completed, including National Primary Road's?

He received a reply from the A/Director of Roads & Transportation.

#### **C/274/20 TRANSFER REQUESTS MADE TO THE HOUSING SECTION.**

Cllr Crawford submitted the following question:-

How many transfer requests county-wide (by MD) have been made to the Housing Section during 2018, 2019 and 2020 to date, including how many have been approved and how many have taken place?

He received a response from the Director of Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services.

C/275/20 **ALL CROSS-BORDER WATER CONNECTIONS**

Cllr McGowan submitted the following question:-

Please give details of all cross-border water connections and give details on same?

He received a response from the Director of Water & Environment.

C/276/20 **ALL IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN**

Cllr A Doherty submitted the following question:-

How has Donegal County Council's cross directorate co-ordinated approach to deliver on the All Ireland Pollinator Plan and biodiversity related activity progressed to date (Nov 2020)? and what practices have the Council adopted and implemented in 2020 to support biodiversity through natural pollination?

He received a response from the Director of Housing, Corporate and Cultural Services.

C/277/20 **COUNCIL HOUSING STOCK/REMEDIAL WORKS PLAN**

Cllr A Doherty submitted the following question:-

Did DCC brief Minister Darragh O'Brien on the extent of the MICA related issues affecting the Council's Housing Stock during his visit on August 6 last and of the significant multi -annual funding support required from government for remedial works to the tenants' homes? Since no targeted support for Council housing affected by MICA was provided in Budget 2021, will the Council now submit an annual application to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage commencing in 2020 to secure such needed funding?

He received a response from the Director of Housing, Corporate and Cultural Services.

C/278/20 **RESULTS FROM TRAFFIC SURVEYS CARRIED OUT**

Cllr Canning submitted the following question:-

Can the Council confirm the results from the traffic surveys carried out by Road Design in border areas and indicate what their traffic calming proposals are?

He received a response from the A/Director of Roads & Transportation.

C/279/20 **UPDATE WORKS AND THE CONNECTION OF HOUSING ESTATES TO MAIN TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

Cllr Canning submitted the following question:-

Upgrade works and the connection of housing estates to main treatment systems

Can the Council provide me with an update in relation to the status of same?

He received a response from the Director of Community Development & Planning Services.

C/280/20 **RECORDS OF THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC ON OUR BUSY ROADS.**

Cllr McGarvey submitted the following question:-

Does Donegal County Council only have records up to 2018 for the volume of traffic on our busy roads?

He received a response from the A/Director of Roads & Transportation.

C/281/20 **TIMESCALE FOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE LETTERKENNY/LIFFORD ROAD**

Cllr McGarvey submitted the following question:-

What is the timescale for improvement works to the Letterkenny/Lifford Road (N14)?

He received a response from the A/Director of Roads & Transportation.

C/282/20 **ACTIVE TRAVEL/GREENWAYS TEAM**

Cllr Brogan submitted the following question:-

When will the Active Travel /Greenways team be fully staffed and operational?

He received a response from the A/Director of Roads & Transportation.

C/283/20 **UPDATED REPORT ON ALL OF OUR COUNCIL ASSETS**

Cllr Brogan submitted the following question:-

Can we get an updated report on all of our council assets per MD and the intended use for each so that we can explore all avenues of use and funding opportunities with local community and sporting organisations?

He received a response from the Head of Finance.

C/284/20 **LEVE OF EXTERNAL GRANT FUNDING HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL IN 2020**

Cllr Brogan submitted the following question:-

What level of external grant funding has been allocated to Donegal County Council in 2020, and a breakdown of co-funding being provided by us to avail of the funding?

He received a response from the Head of Finance.

C/285/20 **MOTIONS FROM OTHER COUNCILS**

Members noted the following motions from other Councils.

**CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

“That Carlow County Council recognises that:

- The Mother and Baby Homes represent a very dark part of our State’s History.
- That survivors of Mother and Baby Homes have legitimate concerns regarding access to their personal information.

Therefore, the Council will write to the Taoiseach and Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration requesting the following:

- That the Final Report of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation be published as soon as possible and include the details of the experiences of survivors in each institution.
- That the Government provide a full State response to the findings and recommendations of the Final Report.
- That the Government publish new statutory information and tracing legislation without delay.
- That survivors of Mother and Baby Homes are given access to their personal records in a manner consistent with GDPR.
- That the Department of Children and Túsła work with the Office of the DPC to ensure that the rights of survivors to personal information about themselves under data protection legislation and the GDPR are fully respected.
- That the Government urgently put in place a range of supports for survivors and adoptees.
- That the Government continues to engage in consultation with survivors and their representative organisations as they establish a national archive of records related to institutional trauma during the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- That a copy of this motion should also be sent to every local authority in Ireland, north and south, as correspondence.”

**CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

“That Cavan County Council write to the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, Northern Ireland asking that an All-Ireland approach be implemented when tackling the spread of Covid 19 throughout the Island.”

**KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Defence and the Government to award the medals which were recommended for those Irish Peacekeepers who participated in the Battle of Jadotville in 1961. To give due recognition and award the MMG to former Commandant Pat Quinlan of Caherdaniel,

Co. Kerry. The inactivity around this issue is a stain on the reputation of the Nation. That this notice of motion also be sent to all Local Authorities.”

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY**

“That we Killarney MD would put up notices at uncontrolled crossings, informing the public that they do not have the right to just walk across, as this is at the discretion of the driver and cyclists to stop”.

**MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL**

“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Health, the Department of Health and NPHET to make available weekly or bi-monthly, details of confirmed COVID-19 cases on a townland basis. This would ensure further compliance with COVID-19 measures and encourage the principle of “We are all in this together” bringing communities together to reduce the spread of the virus locally.”

**MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL**

“Meath Council Council calls upon the Departments of Communications, Climate Action and Environment & Agriculture, Fisheries and Marine to introduce a remunerated DUMP (dispose of unwanted medicines properly) scheme, through pharmacies to promote the safe and appropriate disposal of animal & human medicines, to reduce pharmaceutical waste in the environment.”

**SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**

“To call on Sligo County Council to write to the Taoiseach asking him to implement the recommendations of the Grant Thornton report on the future of the post office network.”

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

“That Wexford County Council call on the government to amend the remit of Irish Water to fund County Councils to allow them to deal with, increase capacity in and manage rural waste water systems in our rural villages with a population of less than 3,000, to protect the survival and growth of rural Ireland.”

C/286/20 **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

On the proposal of Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Coyle it was resolved to defer consideration of the remaining items to an Adjourned Meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 at 10.00am in the Aura Leisure Centre, Letterkenny.