

CHEANTAR BARDASACH AN GHRÁIG - CÚIL AN TSÚDAIRE
GRAIGUECULLEN – PORTARLINGTON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Áras an Chontae,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois.

September 8th 2023

TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH & EACH MEMBER OF THE GRAIGUECULLEN PORTARLINGTON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort freastal ar Chruinniú Míosúil na Bealtaine de Cheantar Bardasach na Gráige – Cúil an tSúdaire ar an **13 Meán Fómhair 2023 ag 2.00 p.m. a thionólfar i Seomra na Comhairle, Áras an Chontae, Port Laoise nó mar mhalairt air sin ag Microsoft Teams** chun na hábhair dá dtagraítear sa Chlár thíos a bhreithniú.

You are requested to attend the September Monthly Meeting of the Graiguecullen – Portarlington Municipal District on the **13th of September 2023 at 2.00 p.m. to be held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise or alternatively by Microsoft Teams** to consider the matters referred to on the Agenda hereunder.

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Gerry Murphy
Head of Finance

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AGENDA

- (1) (i) Confirmation of the Minutes of the June meeting of the Graiguecullen Portarlington Municipal District held on the 21st of June 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (1) (ii) Confirmation of the Minutes of the A.G.M. of Graiguecullen/Portarlington Municipal District held on the 21st of June 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (2) Progress Report
- (3) Killenard Business Incentive Scheme (documentation enclosed)
- (4) Notice of Motions
- (5) Correspondence
- (6) Application to An Bord Pleanála - Strategic Infrastructure Development – Coolglass Windfarm Limited (details overleaf)
- (7) Fix Date for Next Meeting

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Head of Finance

**Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Ref: 23/317809 - Coolglass
Windfarm Limited - Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála**

Construction of 13 No. wind turbines within two clusters with overall ground to blade tip height of 180m. The wind turbines will have a rotordiameter ranging from 155m to 162m inclusive & a hub height ranging from 99 to 102.5m inclusive. Construct permanent turbine hardstands & turbine foundations. Construct 1 no. permanent 110 kV electrical substation including 2 no. control buildings with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, gates, all associated underground cabling, wastewater holding tank, & all ancillary structures & works. Construct a 33kV collector cable circuit connecting the wind farm two clusters along the L3851/Knocklead Road. Construct 2 temporary construction compounds with associated temporary site offices, parking areas & security fencing. Develop 1 on-site borrow pit. Construct new permanent internal site access roads, upgrade existing internal site access roads, including passing bays & all associated drainage infrastructure .Develop an internal site drainage network & sediment control systems. All associated underground electrical & communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the wind farm substation. All associated site development works including berms, landscaping, & soil excavation. Improve site entrance to an existing access off the L3851/Knocklead local road to include localised widening of the road and creation of asplayed entrance to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads & turbine component deliveries. Improvements include; removal of existing vegetation for visibility splays to facilitate use of the access for delivery of construction materials to site. A new site entrance slip road from L3851 / Knocklead local road to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads & turbine component deliveries. Works at this location require removal of existing forestry to facilitate the use of the access for the delivery of construction materials to site & for use during the operational phase. Construct related temporary upgrade works on the turbine delivery route to facilitate, delivery of turbine components to include the use of temporary road surfaces at roundabout at southern exit of Junction 16 of M7, the R425/N80 roundabout & the R426-L3851 junction. Erection of a permanent meteorological mast 102.5m in height. A 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire proposed development. This application is accompanied by EIAR & NIS - At Fossy Upper, Aghoney, Gorreelagh, Knocklead, Scotland, Brennanshill, Monamanry, Coolglass, Crissard, Kylenebehy, Monamanry, Brennanshill, Knocklead, Aghoney, Timahoe, Carrigeen, Ballygormill South, Money Upper, Hophall, Rathleague, Ballymooney, , Rathbrennan, Co. Laois - Submissions/observations must be made to An Bord Pleanála by 5.30 pm on the 09th October 2023 - A standalone website containing all the particulars can be viewed at the following link www.coolglasswindfarm.ie - The application is also on view at the Planning Office Laois County Council (for noting and further discussion at the September Council Meeting – 25/09/2023)

Notice of Motions

85/2023 – Councillor Ben Brennan

“That Laois County Council seek further funding from the Department of Transport this year for the L3897 from Monavea Cross to Gorthaile as this road is in very poor condition”

86/2023 – Councillor Ben Brennan

“That Laois County Council provide further funding for the purchase or lease of additional equipment for salt spreading in the Killeshin, Crettyard area particularly Rossmore and the Cuts”

87/2023 – Councillor Ben Brennan

“That Laois County Council repair the gully on the road down to Doonane Church”

88/2023 – Councillor P.J. Kelly

“That Laois County Council install a pedestrian crossing in Ballybrittas Village as this would also help in slowing down traffic where 90% ignore the speed limit signs which are there already”

89/2023 – Councillor P.J. Kelly

“That Laois County Council consult with the Department of Transport to investigate the possibility of positioning a roundabout at the junction known as Killenure Cross – several times during the day 4 lanes of traffic could be side by side at the junction resulting in accidents taking place especially as the speed limit is 100 km on this stretch of road”

90/2023 – Councillor P.J. Kelly

“That Laois County Council freshen up the road markings on the pedestrian crossing on the Vicarstown Road, Stradbally”

91/2023 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That this Council give an update on the works to be completed at Sleaty, Graiguecullen regarding the new entrance and right of way”

92/2023 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That this Council give an update on the speed report that was carried out in Killeshin. Also please include the cost of the report”

93/2023 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That this Council give an update on the installation of the new public lighting for Killeen”

94/2023 – Councillor Padraig Fleming

“That Laois County Council give an update and timing on the taking in charge of Crossneen Manor, Graiguecullen following the residents’ signatures handed in requesting same and also to include the finalisation of the new cable (Ref Public Lights Issue)”

95/2023 – Councillor Padraig Fleming

“That Laois County Council give an update on the winter maintenance plan as regards ice, frost and snow – salting in particular in the vulnerable areas of Wolfhill, Rossmore, Killeshin and all hilly areas that are not including in the current rostered routes for treatment in the interest of public safety”

96/2023 – Councillor Padraig Fleming

“That Laois County Council consider the installation of small lay-bys at critical bends in the Coolanowle / Castletown area of Ballylinan as this will facilitate two vehicles meeting as a minor alteration on the edge of the road could make all the difference in the interest of health and safety”

97/2023 – Councillor Aidan Mullins

“That Laois County Council give an update on the status of the application for funding with the NTA for a footpath from Portarlinton Railway Station to Corrig Wood”

98/2023 – Councillor Aidan Mullins

“That Laois County Council give an update on the implementation of the People’s Park Master Plan in Portarlinton”

99/2023 – Councillor Aidan Mullins

“That Laois County Council provide extra resources and assistance to Portarlinton Tidy Towns Committee to help improve the visual appearance and streetscapes around the town”

100/2023 – Councillor Paschal McEvoy

“That this Council give an update as to when EV Chargers will be installed in Stradbally”

101/2023 – Councillor Paschal McEvoy

“That this Council install a speed ramp on the Garryglass Road, Timahoe opposite the Heritage Centre. This is necessary for safety reasons at the playground”

102/2023 – Councillor Paschal McEvoy

“That this Council give an update on safety works at Grange, Stradbally on the N80”
