

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE MONTHLY MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2014**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillors	John Joe Fennelly	In the Chair
	Councillors	William Aird	Paddy Bracken
		Caroline Dwane Stanley	Catherine Fitzgerald
		Padraig Fleming	David Goodwin
		John King	Jerry Lodge
		Seamus McDonald	Paschal McEvoy
		John Moran	Tom Mulhall
		Aidan Mullins	Brendan Phelan
		Mary Sweeney	Noel Tuohy

**APOLOGIES:** Ben Brennan Jimmy Kelly

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Messrs Peter Carey, County Manager, Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services, Gerry Murphy, Head of Finance, Ms. Anna Marie Delaney, Director of Services, Ms. Josephine Kavanagh, Administrative Officer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary.

**93. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2014**

On the proposition of Councillor John Moran seconded by Councillor John King, the minutes of the May meeting of Laois County Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 were confirmed as circulated.

**94. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2014**

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor Tom Mulhall, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Laois County Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 were confirmed as circulated.

**95. DISPOSAL OF LAND UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001**

**(i) DISPOSAL OF SITES NO. 2 & 3 ARD EDMOND, CASTLETOWN, CO. LAOIS.**

On the proposition of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan, the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of Sites No. 2 & 3 Ard Edmond, Castletown, Co. Laois in the townland of Castletown (comprising 0.1472 hectares) for a consideration of €40,000

**(ii) DISPOSAL OF A FIRST FLOOR 2-BEDROOMED APARTMENT AT 32 BUTTERCUP AVENUE, ESKER HILLS, PORTLAOISE, CO. LAOIS.**

On the proposition of Councillor Jerry Lodge seconded by Councillor William Aird, the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of a First Floor 2-bedroomed apartment at 32 Buttercup Avenue, Esker Hills, Portlaoise, Co. Laois in the townland of Borris Little for a consideration of the transfer of the property at 110 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

**(iii) DISPOSAL OF 1.545 HECTARES OF LAND IN CLONMINAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, PORTLAOISE, CO. LAOIS.**

On the proposition of Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley seconded by Councillor Aidan Mullins, the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of 1.545 hectares of land in Clonminam Industrial Estate, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, in the townland of Knockmay for a consideration of €200,000

**(iv) DISPOSAL OF 0.0159 HECTARES OF LAND AT 366 MARKET MEWS, MARYBOROUGH VILLAGE, PORTLAOISE, CO. LAOIS.**

Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley proposed the disposal of this property. However, following a lengthy discussion on same the proposal was withdrawn. On the proposition of Councillor Padraig Fleming, it was unanimously agreed by the Members to defer the disposal of this property to the July meeting of Laois County Council scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2014, pending necessary clarifications being made to the Members.

**96. ADOPTION OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2013**

The Members were circulated with a copy of the Laois County Council Annual Report for 2013. On the proposition of Councillor Jerry Lodge seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald, the Members unanimously agreed to the adoption of the Laois County Council Annual Report 2013 as circulated.

**97. HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT SCHEME 2014/2015**

The Members were circulated with a summary of the Higher Education Grant Scheme 2014/2015 which was issued by the Department of Education and Science outlining the changes in the 2014/2015 scheme. On the proposition of Councillor Jerry Lodge seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the Members unanimously agreed the Higher Education Grant Scheme 2014/2015.

It was also agreed that a letter issue to the Minister for Education with regard to reviewing the criteria for assessing those applying for Higher Education Grants.

**98. TAKING IN CHARGE OF 'GLENALL', BORRIS-IN-OSSORY**

On the proposition of Councillor Brendan Phelan seconded by Councillor John King, the Members unanimously agreed to the taking in charge of 'Glenall', Borris-in-Ossory. It is estimated that the cost to Laois County Council will be as follows:-

- Public Lighting - €800.00 per annum approximately
- Ongoing Maintenance and repair of roads and services - €1,000 per annum

**99. CORRESPONDENCE**

It was noted that no correspondence had been received since the last meeting

**100. PRESENTATION TO MS. TERESA MARIA BRENNAN, LAOIS ROSE 2014**

The Cathaoirleach & Members welcomed Ms. Teresa Brennan, the Laois Rose who was selected to represent Laois at the International Rose of Tralee Finals in August 2014. Teresa's parents were also welcomed to the Chamber and the Members collectively and individually joined together in wishing Teresa every success in Tralee in August at the Rose of Tralee Finals.

The Cathaoirleach, Mr. John Joe Fennelly, presented Teresa with a framed photograph and a bouquet of flowers and wished her every success in Tralee. The County Manager also joined with the Members in wishing Teresa well in Tralee and complimented her on being a great Ambassador for Laois

**101. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Notice of Motion No: 27/2014**

Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

*"That this Council calls on the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to address, as a matter of urgency, the housing shortage in the County"*

This motion was seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald. It was agreed that a letter issue to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government in this regard.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFIED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE  
AFFAIRS**