

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN ARAS AN CHONTAE,  
PORTLAOISE, ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2019**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Councillor	Willie Aird	In the Chair
	Councillors	John King	Paddy Bracken
		Ben Brennan	Caroline Dwane Stanley
		John Joe Fennelly	Padraig Fleming
		Ollie Clooney	James Kelly
		Paschal McEvoy	Aisling Moran
		Tom Mulhall	Aidan Mullins
		Conor Bergin	Mary Sweeney
		Noel Tuohy	Seamus McDonald
		Thomasina Connell	Catherine Fitzgerald

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Messers John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Gerry Murphy, Head of Finance, Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. Michael Rainey, A/Director of Services, Ms. Irene Delaney, Administrative Officer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary.

**104. VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

On the proposition of Councillor Willie Aird, the Members unanimously extended a vote of sympathy to the following:-

- Ms. Valerie O' Reilly, Planning Department on the death of her mother, Mrs. Maureen Clooney, Green Road, Portlaoise
- Mr. Jim O' Sullivan, Planning Department on the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary O' Sullivan, Old Ballinure Road, Blackrock, Cork
- The Bennett family on the death of Mr. John Joe Bennett, Hophall, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

The Chief Executive on behalf of the Management & Staff associated themselves with the votes of sympathies extended.

**104. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2019**

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly, the Minutes of the May meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 were confirmed as circulated.

**105. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2019**

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald, the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 were confirmed as circulated.

**105. REPORT ON CPG MEETING HELD ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2019**

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor Willie Aird, the report on the CPG meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May was confirmed as circulated.

**106. REPORT ON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS HELD IN MAY 2019**

On the proposition of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald, the Members unanimously agreed the reports on Municipal District Meetings held in May 2019

**107. DISPOSAL OF 0.0009475 HECTARES OF LAND OFF MAIN STREET, STRADBALLY**

On the proposition of Councillor Paschal McEvoy seconded by Councillor Pdraig Fleming, the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of 0.0009475 hectares of land off Main Street, Stradbally in the townland of Stradbally for a consideration of €750

**108. DISPOSAL OF SITE NO. 7B COMPRISING 0.172 HECTARES AT CLONMINAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, PORTLAOISE**

On the proposition of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly, the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of Site No. 7B comprising 0.172 hectares at Clonminam Industrial Estate, Portlaoise, Co. Laois for a consideration of €70,000

**109. DISPOSAL OF SITE COMPRISING 0.3115 HECTARES AT BALLYMACKEN BUSINESS PARK**

On the proposition of Councillor William Aird seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken, the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of site comprising 0.3115 hectares at Ballymacken Buisness Park in the townland of Ballymacken, Portlaoise, Co. Laois for a consideration of €20,000

**110. DISPOSAL OF 0.606 HECTARES OF LAND AT TOGHER, PORTLAOISE**

On the proposition of councilor William Aird seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly, the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of 0.606 hectares of land at Togher, Portlaoise, Co. Laois in the townland of Togher, for a consideration of €112,463

**111. DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD AT 20 MELL STREET, KILMINCHY, PORTLAOISE**

On the proposition of Councillor Noel Tuohy seconded by Councillor Willie Aird, the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of freehold at 20 Mell Street, Kilminchy, Portlaoise in the townland of Kilminchy for a consideration of €1.00

**112. DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD AT 2 COURT SQUARE, STRADBALLY**

On the proposition of Councillor Pachal McEvoy seconded by Councillor Tom Mulhall, the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of freehold at 2 Court Square, Stradbally, Co. Laois in the townland of Stradbally for a consideration of €1.00

**113. DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD INTEREST AT COOLABOUGHLAN, CLONASLEE,**

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken, the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of freehold interest at Coolaboughlan, Clonaslee, Co. Laois in the townland of Coolaboughlan for a consideration of €300.00.

#### **114. APPOINTMENT OF 3 EXTERNAL MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Mr. John Mulholland, Chief Executive advised the Members that the following 3 external Members have been nominated to the Audit Committee

- Mr. David Culliton
- Mr. John McCormack
- Mr. John Brennan

It was also noted that Councillor Pdraig Fleming and Councillor Thomasina Connell were nominated to the Audit Committee at the A.G.M. of Laois County Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2019.

#### **115. ADOPTION OF DRAFT TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2019-2024**

The Members were circulated with a copy of the draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. It was agreed that the matter would be considered for adoption at the September meeting of Laois County Council.

#### **116. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME 2019-2024**

The Members were circulated with a copy of the draft Affordable Housing Scheme 2019-2024. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government with a view to the Minister or his representative attending a meeting with the members to address matters of concern with the scheme.

#### **117. TAKING IN CHARGE OF MILL LANE, MOUNTRATH**

On the proposition of Councillor James Kelly seconded by Councillor John King, the Members unanimously agreed to the taking in charge of Mill Lane, Mountrath.

#### **118. TAKING IN CHARGE OF DOIREANN ALAINN, BALLYLINAN**

On the proposition of Councillor Pdraig Fleming seconded by Councillor Aisling Moran, the Members unanimously agreed to the taking in charge of Doireann Alainn, Ballylinan

#### **119. ADOPTION OF THE LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

The Members unanimously agreed that this matter be deferred to the July meeting of Laois County Council to allow perusal of the report.

#### **120. LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT MAY/JUNE 2019**

Mr. John Mulholland, Chief Executive briefed the meeting on this matter and the report for May/June 2019 was circulated. The report was unanimously agreed and noted. A number of queries were raised on the report and the Directors of Services responded to the various queries raised.

## 121. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were circulated to the Members which had been received since the last meeting of Laois County Council:-

- (i) Correspondence from the Irish Farmers Association in relation to Notice of Motion No: 39/2019 dated the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2019
- (ii) Correspondence from Minister Charles Flanagan, T.D., in relation to a recent Notice of Motion in relation to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services dated the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2019
- (iii) Correspondence from the Minister for Health in relation to Notice of Motion No: 37/2019 dated the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2019

## 122. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

### Notice of Motion No: 45/2019

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

*“That this Council in view of the damage that spiralling insurance costs are causing to community groups, companies, voluntary organisations, etc., calls on the Government to accelerate its insurance reform programme and in particular Laois County Council calls on the Government to bring its Book of Quantam in line with international norms”*

This Motion was seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney. It was agreed that a letter issue to Mr. Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Finance, Public Expenditure & Reform in this regard.

### Notice of Motion No: 46/2019

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

*“That this Council make provision to make available in our libraries a database of burial records for graveyards in County Laois”*

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney. The Members were advised that the Registrar for each of the cemeteries maintain a Register, in which all burials within the Cemetery are recorded. These Registers are available for inspection by contacting the Cemetery Registrar. Some of the information has been captured in spreadsheet format. There are no plans to make these spreadsheets available to the public because they are not user friendly. At present Laois County Council do not have any plans to purchase or design a database for cemetery records. However, if Laois County Council did go down this route in the future, the data could be easily brought up to date and uploaded to the new system and made available, following GDPR considerations.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
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CERTIFIED: \_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
CORPORATE AFFAIRS