

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN ARAS AN CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE, ON THE 28TH OF MAY 2018

PRESENT:

Councillor	Padraig Fleming	In the Chair
Councillors	William Aird	Paddy Bracken
	Paschal McEvoy	John King
	Catherine Fitzgerald	Brendan Phelan
	David Goodwin	Tom Mulhall
	Seamus McDonald	Noel Tuohy
	John Joe Fennelly	James Kelly
	Mary Sweeney	Aidan Mullins
	Caroline Dwane Stanley	

APOLOGIES: Councillors John Moran & Ben Brennan

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

66. VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposition of the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Padraig Fleming, the Members unanimously extended a Vote of Sympathy to the McGrath Family, Clohogue, Ballinakill, Co. Laois on the recent death of Mr. Sean McGrath, father of Ms. Marie McGrath, Laois County Council.

On the proposition of the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Padraig Fleming, the members unanimously extended a Vote of Sympathy to the Foley Family, 18 Sycamore Road, Rathnapish, Carlow on the recent death of Mr. Joe Foley, father of Ms. Nuala Kelly, Laois County Council.

67. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 8TH OF MAY 2018

On the proposition of Councillor Willie Aird seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly, the Minutes of the April meeting held on the 8th of May 2018 were confirmed as circulated.

68. REPORT ON CPG MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD OF APRIL 2018

On the proposition of Councillor James Kelly seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the report on the CPG meeting held on the 23rd of April 2018 was confirmed as circulated.

69. REPORT ON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS HELD IN APRIL 2018

On the proposition of Councillor John King seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan, the reports on the Municipal District Meetings held in April were confirmed as circulated.

70. PART VIII OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 2001 AS AMENDED IN RESPECT OF 2 HARPURS LANE, PORTLAOISE

The Members were circulated with the Planning Report on the proposed development of the refurbishment and extension of a dwelling at 2 Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise . It was noted that the development includes the demolition of a rear extension and the construction of a new rear extension comprising 2 no. bedrooms, a kitchen/dining room and shower room. On the proposition of Councillor William Aird seconded by Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley, the Members unanimously agreed to the proposed development.

71. PART VIII OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 2001 AS AMENDED IN RESPECT OF IMPROVEMENT OF PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST FACILITIES AT THE ROCKVIEW ROUNDABOUT, MOUNTRATH ROAD, PORTLAOISE

The Members were circulated with the Planning Report on the proposed development of the installation of roundabout on the R445 Mountrath, Road, Portlaoise. On the proposition of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald seconded by Councillor William Aird, it was agreed that the matter be deferred to the June meeting to enable further discussion to take place.

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

(i) Disposal of freehold interest at 14 Beladd, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise

On the proposition of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of freehold interest at 14 Beladd, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise for a consideration of €300.00.

73. SECTION 85 AGREEMENT BETWEEN KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL & LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WORKS AT LS-N77-001.00 - DURROW BRIDGE

On the proposition of Councillor James Kelly seconded by Councillor Noel Tuohy, the Members unanimously agreed to the Section 85 Agreement between Kildare County Council & Offaly County Council for works at LS-N77 001.00 - Durrow Bridge.

74. SECTION 85 AGREEMENT BETWEEN OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL & LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL - REPLACEMENT PROJECT R420 PORTARLINGTON BRIDGE PARAPET

On the proposition of Councillor Tom Mulhall seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Members unanimously agreed to the Section 85 Agreement between Offaly County Council & Laois County Council for the replacement project R420 Portarlinton Bridge Parapet.

75. TAKING IN CHARGE OF WALLIS STREET, MOUNTRATH

On the proposition of Councillor James Kelly seconded by Councillor John King the Members unanimously agreed to the Taking in Charge of Wallis Street, Mountrath.

76. HOSPITALITY AWARDS

Mr. Pádraig Fleming briefed the Members on the recent Hospitality Awards for the County announced by Midlands 103 and outlined details of the successful winners. Congratulations were extended to all recipients.

It was noted that Portarlinton Leisure Centre won the 'Best Leisure Centre' award. During this discussion, Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley raised the matter of the membership of Portarlinton Leisure Centre Board.

77. DRAFT LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2018-2020

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly the Members unanimously agreed the Draft Litter Management Plan 2018 – 2020 as presented. The Members welcomed the plan and Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services & Ms. Orla Barrett, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the various queries raised by the members

78. DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT (STORAGE, PRESENTATION, SEGREGATION OF HOUSEHOLD AND COMMERCIAL WASTE) BYE-LAWS 2018

The Members were circulated with a copy of the draft bye-laws which are being developed on a regional and national basis and which have been considered by the Strategic Policy Committee. On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor John King, the Members unanimously agreed to the draft Bye-Laws as presented.

79. LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR MAY 2018

Mr. John Mulholland, Chief Executive briefed the meeting on this matter and the report for May 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.

80. PRESENTATION BY COMHAIRLE NA NÓG

Mr. Cian MacGearailt, Ms. Chloe Delaney, Ms. Grace O'Brien & Ms. Annalee Dowling. were in attendance from Comhairle no nÓg and gave a presentation on the work of their organisation and outlined details on some of their ongoing projects. The Elected Members & Management Team extended thanks to the Comhairle for their very professional presentation, congratulated them on their initiatives and assured them of Laois County Council's ongoing support.

81. APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION BY THE ORGANISATION OF NATIONAL EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL

The Members were advised that a request has been received from the Organisation of National Ex-Service Personnel to address Laois County Council. On the proposition of Councillor Willie Aird seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken, the Members unanimously agreed to the Organisation addressing a future meeting of Laois County Council.

81. RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCES/ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING

The Members were circulated with the list of conferences/training for ratification and forthcoming conferences/training which was ratified on the proposal of Councillor John Joe Fennelly and seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy

82. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for noting since the last meeting of Laois County Council.

83. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 11/2018

Councillor Noel Tuohy proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council write to the Minister for Finance, Public Expenditure & Reform requesting the restoration of tax relief on trade union subscriptions”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley. It was agreed that a letter issue to the Minister in this regard.

Notice of Motion No: 12/2018

Councillor Tom Mulhall proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council give a detailed breakdown on the €9 million allocated for the Flood Relief for Mountmellick, Portarlinton & Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Willie Aird.

The Members were advised that based upon the recently announced CFRAMS Report for Flood Risk Management, the following is the breakdown of the estimated capital costs for the following schemes:-

Mountmellick	€3.135 million
Portarlinton	€5.560 million
Clonaslee	€0.365 million
Total	€9.06 million

Notice of Motion No: 13/2018

Councillor William Aird proposed the following Notice of Motion:

“That Laois County Council be informed of the budget agreed for the Laois County Library”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Noel Tuohy. The Members were advised that the budget for the construction phase of the new County Library at Portlaoise is based on an estimated construction cost of €3.4 million exclusive of VAT. The Department of Rural and Community Affairs has committed a minimum of €1.65 million and there is every reason to expect that further financial support will be made available in the period ahead. Notwithstanding this, the Council is satisfied that it has the capacity to proceed to tender for construction of the core building elements in the short term and that best value for money can be procured through a fixed price form of contract having concluded detailed site investigation and design risk assessments.

Notice of Motion No: 14/2018

Councillor William Aird proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council request the Minister for health to re-structure the HSE at regional level in order to give people a voice and improve accountability”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley. It was agreed that a letter issue to the Minister in this regard.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: _____
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CERTIFIED: _____
**DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
CORPORATE AFFAIRS**