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SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

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TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH AND EACH MEMBER OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

The Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council will be held:

ON: Monday 1st December, 2014

AT: 11.00am

IN: Council Chamber, County Hall, Riverside, Sligo

You are requested to attend.

K. Colreavy
Administrative Officer

CLÁR

- 1.** To confirm the Minutes of the CPG Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 4th July, 2014. *(copy posted on extranet)*
- 2.** To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry held on 15th September, 2014. *(copy posted on extranet)*
- 3.** To confirm the Minutes of the CPG Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 16th September, 2014. *(copy posted on extranet)*
- 4.** To confirm the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry held on 8th October, 2014. *(copy posted on extranet)*
- 5.** To confirm the Minutes of the November Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council, held on 3rd November, 2014. *(copy posted on extranet)*
- 6.** To consider report in relation to commencing the process of taking in charge the development known as 'Rusheen Ard' at Caltragh, Sligo. *(copy posted on extranet)*
- 7.** To adopt the Standing Orders for the Municipal Districts of County Sligo. *(copy posted on extranet)*

8. To note the October Monthly Management Report. (*copy to follow*)
9. Appointment of Members to Audit Committee as per Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014 (SI 244/2014). (*report to follow*)
10. To adopt the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2014 – 2019. (*memo posted on extranet*)
11. Corporate Plan 2015 – 2019. (*report to follow*)
12. Presentation – Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme

DEFERRED MOTIONS

13. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor J. Queenan**
“To call on the Minister for Agriculture, Simon Coveney to intervene in the collapse of cattle prices, which is causing great hardship in the farming community.”
14. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Kilgannon**
“To ask the members of Sligo County Council to invite the new President of Sligo Institute of Technology, Professor Vincent Cunnane to make a 20 to 30 minute presentation to a Council meeting; to outline his vision for I T Sligo for the next five years and also to update members on the progress on the Connacht Ulster Alliance.”
15. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Clarke**
“That this Council would offer for sale, the apartment block known as McFibris House, Pier Road, Enniscrone, Co. Sligo and purchase and build a number of houses in the Enniscrone area. This is in accordance with the Government thinking that it is entirely appropriate that the disposal of one state asset should finance a different state asset which meets an urgent need.”
16. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Mac Sharry**
“That Sligo County Council invite Mr Patrick Conroy from the Valuations Office of Ireland to make a presentation to the members on the valuation process and its relevance to the local authority.”
17. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Mac Sharry**
“That Sligo County Council executive provide the elected members with an update on the Conservation Plan for Forthill with regard to the development of the Green Fort.”
18. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Gormley**
“That this Council requests the HSE for an up-date report on the provision of a modern primary care centre for Tubbercurry.”
19. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree**
“That the Council be provided with a comprehensive and up to date report in regard to the apartments in the Johnston Court development which were to be provided for social housing under a Part V agreement.”
20. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree**

“To ask the Chief Executive the value of commercial rates not collected in 2013 due to premises being vacant in the County and also what is the policy of the Council regarding commercial rates if a premises is partly occupied **i.e.** what percentage of rates is charged?”

21. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree**

“That the Council be provided with a comprehensive report on the Energy Efficiency Insulation programme, the report to include details of houses completed in 2013 and 2014 and also the schedule of proposed works to be carried out in 2015; the report to also include an indication as to when insulation works will be carried out on local authority houses in Cartron Estate and Maugheraboy.”

22. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillors S. Mac Manus and T. Healy**

“To ask for a report on the future development of the Sligo Fairgreen.”

23. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor E. Scanlon**

“To seek the installation of pedestrian crossings in Ballymote, one at The Rock outside the Post Office, one at O’Connell Street and one at the Junction between Lord Edward Street and Teeling Street.”

24. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor E. Scanlon**

“To request a turning lane to be marked out along the N17 at the Junction for Cloonamahon, (the road links the N17 to the N4). The N17 is extremely busy and as there is no turning lane, this crossing is extremely dangerous.”

25. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor J. Lundy**

“To ask the Council to include Road No.513, from Cloonacool village east to the football field, in a Roads Restoration Programme in the interest of road safety.”

26. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor J. Lundy**

“With over 41,000 patients waiting a year or more for outpatient appointments, this Council calls on the Minister for Health, Leo Varadkar, TD, to tackle hospital waiting lists as a matter of urgency.”

27. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor J. Lundy**

“I will ask this Council to seek members’ approval for the purchase of council houses, similar to the approval sought from members for the disposal of council houses.”

28. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Mac Manus**

“That the Sligo County Council invite both Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland to attend its December meeting to discuss the need for an enhanced job creation strategy for Co. Sligo.”

29. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor H. Keaney**
- “I call on this Council to do an audit on all routes along the ‘Wild Atlantic Way’ and to draft a schedule of works, to be completed with costings and to make a submission to the Department for funding.”
30. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. O’Boyle**
- “I would like to propose a motion that the damage to Hyde Bridge outside The Glasshouse is inspected and a report sent back to the Council as to long term damage as its loose and may get worse.”
31. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Casserly**
- “That Sligo County Council support an initiative to work in collaboration with public and private interests to develop and promote entrepreneurship in primary schools.”
32. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Casserly**
- “That Sligo County Council consider the development of a recreational strategy for the County, to include recreational walking access routes, cycling routes and various other activities that would inform a tourism strategy for County Sligo.”

MOTIONS

33. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Mulvey**
- “To ask Sligo County Council to determine the ownership of Owenmore Paddock, Ballinacarrow and to get this unfinished dangerous development complete as a matter of urgency for the community in Ballinacarrow.”
34. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Kilgannon**
- “That Sligo County Council calls on the Minister for Education to immediately return the 10 Special Needs Assistants cut from the Mercy Convent, Summerhill and Ballinode College and for the Special Education Needs Organiser to make a presentation to the Council on her application of the national criteria which led to these cuts, 80% higher than elsewhere in the Country.”
35. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Kilgannon**
- “That Sligo County Council calls on Central Government to advance and provide the necessary resources to make the case promoted by the Connaught Ulster Alliance for a University of Technology located across the 3 campuses of IT Sligo, Letterkenny and GMT.”
36. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Kilgannon**
- “Sligo County calls on the Central Bank to reduce the 20% deposit required by first time buyers as this is profoundly unfair to first time buyers.”

37. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Gormley**

“Recognising the importance of Teach Laighne to Tubbercurry and the South Sligo area a building that is owned by Sligo Co council I am calling on the Chief Executive to give a commitment that there will be no reduction in services motor tax, library services, local area office, and other services to remain and to look at the possibility of moving other services to Tubbercurry”

38. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Mac Sharry**

"That Sligo County Council calls on Central Government to reintroduce the telephone allowance to the home care package and to increase the fuel allowance to €35 euro."

39. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Mac Sharry**

"That Sligo County Council calls on the Government to immediately lift the public service embargo."

40. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Mac Sharry**

"That Sligo County Council call on IDA Regional Manager John Nugent to make a presentation to the council outlining what Central Government can do to attract more larger scale companies to locate in Sligo."

41. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree**

“Noting that the Council was issued with a report on the 30th of June 2014 stating that a sum of €10,000 from Department of the Environment Public Area Enhancement Scheme funding had been allocated for the removal of hoarding at Connaughton Road; and further noting that the funding was not used for that purpose; this Council hereby asks to be provided with a report indicating where the €10,000 was spent.”

42. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree**

“That the Council be provided with an up to date report on the proposed pedestrian footbridge to be erected adjacent to Markievicz Bridge; the report to include details of the most recent submission made to the Department seeking funding for the project”

43. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree**

“That the Council review it’s Parking Bye Laws for the Sligo urban area and as part of the review the Council consider amending the Bye Laws so as to regulate parking in the Mail Coach Road/Weighbridge area.”

44. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Mac Manus**

“To ask for an update on the application for bundled sewage schemes for Strandhill, Grange and Tubbercurry.”

45. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Mac Manus**

“To ask for a report on ‘Staff-less’ Library project in Tubbercurry.”

46. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor E. Scanlon**

“To call on the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Justice to grant an amnesty for vehicle owners who have an NCT booking made, but due to long waiting times, approximately three months, this appointment is after the renewal date for their NCT and therefore it is out of their control to comply with new regulations that come into effect in January 2015, to ensure that these owners are not penalised for this delay as set out in the new regulations.”

47. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Mulvey**

“In light of the massive state support for the refurbishment of the old cinema building in Ballymote and the huge community effort involved in transforming the centre into a modern state of the art theatre/cinema complex and the fact that the building is owned by Sligo County Council I am calling on Sligo County Council to put in place a management structure that would be the catalyst for the centre to reach its full potential.

The building is unique in its structure combining the old world theatre with modern facilities that can be used for many purposes to the benefit of the entire region. I am calling on Sligo County Council to put a structure in place similar to The Maritime Centre in Enniscrone, The Hawks Well Theatre, Sligo, and The Coleman Centre, Gurteen. The Ballymote Theatre and Film Company is a limited company and is debt free.

Funding is available to carry out a feasibility study to assess the form and structure of a management team that should include representatives from the council, drama, tourism, the local community and any other potential users of the facility.

The Art Deco has the capability to be an interpretative centre highlighting the history of the region, the tourist attractions including the nearby megalithic tombs, Ballymote Castle, The Book of Ballymote, Carrowmore Megalithic site, Lissadell House, Glencar Waterfalls, Parkes Castle, Yeats Grave, all a short journey off the Wild Atlantic Drive.

I think that Sligo County Council is duty bound, as custodians of this property to ensure that this facility is managed in a transparent and accountable manner and that it achieves its full potential for the future enjoyment for the entire community.”

48. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Healy**

“Councillor Thomas Healy asks Sligo County Council to support The Carers Association and call on the Minister for Social Protection to amend the Social Welfare Bill to make provision for the restoration of the Respite Care Grant.”

49. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Healy**

“Councillor Thomas Healy asks Sligo County Council to give a costing for the erecting of 2 cameras in the alley way leading from Cairns Drive to Pearse Road and the alley way between Fatima Avenue and Cairns Drive, to address the concerns of the residents regarding anti social behaviour.”

50. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Healy**

“Councillor Thomas Healy calls on Sligo County Council to address the safety issue regarding the turn-off from the main Ballina Road (N59) onto Stella Maris, Ballisodare which is the main access to the primary school, creche, playground and housing estates.”

51. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Mulvey**

“To ask Sligo County Council to make safe the Dangerous bend along the N59 at McGrath’s Corner, Lugawarry, Beltra as a matter of urgency.”

52. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Gormley**

“That this Council supports Multiple Sclerosis sufferers and calls on the HSE to fund the drug “Fampyra” from one of its free schemes.”

53. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor P. Taylor**

“I will ask Sligo County Council to call on the Government to establish a mechanism to assist the many sports clubs and local communities in their applications with their Capital Development Projects.”

54. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Gormley**

“That improvement works be carried out on Road R296 leading to Bunninadden village.”

55. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Casserly**

“To invite the CEO of Sligo Chamber of Commerce, Paul Keyes to give a presentation of Strategic Priorities from the business community for Sligo to all councillors and the executive.”

56. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor R. O’Grady**

“That Sligo County Council call on the Minister for Health, Mr. Leo Varadkar, to clarify the situation regarding the return of mammography services at Sligo Regional Hospital, thus informing the people once and for all if and when this service will be re-instated.”

57. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor R. O’Grady**

“That Sligo County Council seek an update from the Minister for Health on the provision of a new mammography machine for Sligo Regional Hospital.”

58. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor R. O’Grady**

“That Sligo County Council call on Central Government to provide increased funding to the Housing Aid for Older People and Housing Aid for People with Disabilities grant schemes for the coming year.”

- 59.** To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Maguire**
- “As a result of recent legislation all households were obliged to register with a refuse company. There has been a 200% increase in the registration fee since January 2014. This motion requests that Sligo County Council will investigate the raise in the registration charge of by refuse companies.”
- 60.** Votes of Sympathy
- 61.** Votes of Congratulations
- 62.** Conferences
- 63.** To note the summary of proceedings of conferences attended in accordance with Section 142(5) (f) of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- 64.** Correspondence:
- (a) Letter dated 30th October, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality re legislation on prostitution.
 - (b) Letter dated 30th October, 2014 from the Insolvency Payments Section re ‘Informal Insolvency.’
 - (c) Letter dated 30th October, 2014 from Deputy Tony McLoughlin TD re government offices in Tubbercurry.
 - (d) Email dated 4th November, 2014 from Irish Water acknowledging receipt of Sligo County Council’s adopted motions.
 - (e) Letter dated 10th November, 2014 from Iarnród Éireann Infrastructure re sightlines at Ballymote Railway Station.
 - (f) Letter dated 13th November, 2014 from the Office of An Taoiseach acknowledging receipt of letter.
 - (g) Letter dated 18th November, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade re a Passport Service in Tubbercurry.
- 65.** Matters Arising from Minutes
- 66.** Any Other Business