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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 12th January, 2015

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 December Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 1st December, 2014. <i>(copy to follow)</i>						
2.	To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 24 th November, 2014. <i>(copy to follow)</i>						
3.	That Sligo County Council being satisfied of their general public utility declare the following roads as public roads in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993. <table><thead><tr><th style="text-align:left">Road No.</th><th style="text-align:left">Location and Terminal Points</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>L-35042-0</td><td>Road situate in the development of 3 houses known as ‘Killaspugbrone’ at Strandhill.</td></tr><tr><td>L-75053-0</td><td>Road situate in Phase 1 of the development known as ‘Waterside Lane’ at Strandhill. <i>(copy posted on extranet)</i></td></tr></tbody></table>	Road No.	Location and Terminal Points	L-35042-0	Road situate in the development of 3 houses known as ‘Killaspugbrone’ at Strandhill.	L-75053-0	Road situate in Phase 1 of the development known as ‘Waterside Lane’ at Strandhill. <i>(copy posted on extranet)</i>
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4.	That Sligo County Council commences the process of taking in charge the development known as ‘Newtown Park’ at Keash Road, Ballymote, Co. Sligo, by instigating the necessary procedures under section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 to declare public the road serving the development. <i>(copy posted on extranet)</i>
5.	To approve the disposal of lands at Mullaghroe, Gurteen, Co Sligo in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001. <i>(copy previously circulated)</i>
6.	Nomination of members to SPCs. <i>(report to follow)</i>
7.	Financial Plan – <i>(copy posted on extranet)</i>
8.	To note the Monthly Management Report – November 2014. <i>(copy posted on extranet)</i>
9.	National Broadband Plan – Presentation by Sean Griffin, Assistant Principal, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources.
<u>DEFERRED MOTIONS</u>	
10.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Queenan <p>“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.</p>
11.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Clarke <p>“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.”</p>
12.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Kilgannon <p>“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.”</p>
13.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. Mac Sharry <p>"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."</p>
14.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. Mac Sharry <p>"That Sligo County Council calls on the Government to immediately lift the public service embargo."</p>
15.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree <p>“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.”</p>

<p>16.</p>	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Mulvey</p> <p>“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.</p> <p>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 Co. Co. 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.</p> <p>Funding is available to carry out a feasibility study to access 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.”</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor R. O’Grady</p> <p>“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.”</p>
<p>18.</p>	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor R. O’Grady</p> <p>“That Sligo County Council seek an update from the Minister for Health on the provision of a new mammography machine for Sligo Regional Hospital.”</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor R. O’Grady</p> <p>“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.”</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTIONS</u></p>
<p>20.</p>	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillors M. Clarke & J. Queenan</p> <p>“That this Council will take the necessary steps to advance a scheme to build a new road on the N59 from Junction L6702 Carrigens to Junction L2402 Owenbeg, a 2km stretch of highly dangerous road, and to provide a report to this Council, including design plans, costs, correspondence with the NRA and timescale of when works are to be carried out.”</p>

21.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Gormley</p> <p>“ That the Council in conjunction with the NRA take the necessary steps to address the safety issue that motorists have when turning right off the N17 onto the Coolaney Road (Road No 1) where a number of accidents have occurred the most recent about two weeks ago”</p>
22.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Mulvey</p> <p>“To call on Sligo County Council and the NRA to make safe the 2 junctions on the N17 at Carrntavy, Templehouse, Ballinacarrow following yet another accident recently.”</p>
23.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Clarke</p> <p>“I call on Sligo Council to do all in its power to promote and encourage people to carry Organ Donor cards.”</p>
24.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. Healy</p> <p>“To ask Sligo County Council to call on the Department of the Environment to make funding available for essential repairs & improvements to the R290 which runs from Ballygawley to Ballintogher.”</p>
25.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree</p> <p>“That the Council be provided with an up to date report in regard to the 6 apartments in the Johnston Court development which are to be provided for social housing; and further that the file containing the correspondence between the developer/promoter and the Council be made available for inspection by councillors.”</p>
26.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Lundy</p> <p>“I will ask for a report on the transfer of lands from Sligo County Council to the Holy Family National School, Tubbercurry for a car park and set-down area in the interest of health and safety.”</p>
27.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Lundy</p> <p>“The recent EPA report listed, among others, that Tubbercurry Sewerage System is not up to standard. I will ask when is work due to commence on this very important treatment plant.”</p>
28.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Lundy</p> <p>“When promoting Sligo, this Council and all other agencies need to include the county as a whole, including all areas of South Sligo, in order to increase tourism and job creation.”</p>
29.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree</p> <p>“Noting that the Assistant General Secretary of the Department of the Environment,</p>

	<p>Community and Local Government in correspondence to the Council dated 11th November 2014 pointed out that the Council had been incurring revenue deficits in its budget over the 6 years period (2008-2013) and that the cumulative revenue debt now stands at €19.67 million with the long term debt in excess of €20 million; and noting that the former Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government Mr Phil Hogan, and his senior officials approved all the loans, borrowings and overdraft increases of the Council; and further noting that the newly elected County Council elected in May 2014 was not responsible for previous budgets, loans, borrowing and overdrafts; this Council now appeals to the new Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government to provide Sligo County Council with the necessary financial assistance (bailout) to allow the Council to return to financial sustainability; and further the Council again requests the Minister to meet a deputation from the Council.”</p>
30.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Clarke</p> <p>“That this council will write to the Ministers in charge and ask them, what steps will be taken to offset the recent increases by Waste Recycling companies, way above the rate of inflation. For example: 1) 22.5% increase for the Quarterly Service Charge 2) 15.4% increase on the Waste Bin charges (120L Bin) 3) 200% increase on the Blue bin recycling.”</p>
31.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Gormley</p> <p>“That we the members of Sligo Co Council be provided with a report as to the progress on the transfer of lands owned by the HSE at Holy Family N.S Tubbercurry for the provision of a setdown/parking area to enable children be dropped off in safety. In the meantime that the Council give favourable consideration to the provision of flashing reduce speed lights warning motorists to reduce their speed at this location in the interest of the safety of the children and road users.”</p>
32.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor H. Keaney</p> <p>“That this council welcomes the allocation of €9,994,650 by the NRA for the 2015 National Roads programme for County Sligo.”</p>
33.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree</p> <p>“That the Council be provided with an up to date report on the proposed Rosses Point Pier and Pontoon scheme, particularly with regard to any outstanding environmental, planning, access and licencing matters that need to be addressed and to ask if the Council has received any indication from the Department if grant aid will be provided for the project in 2015.”</p>
34.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. O’Boyle</p> <p>“I would like to propose a motion that in light of recent fatalities and numerous accidents on the stretch on the Bundoran Road from the Topaz garage to Henderson garage, I am calling that Sligo County Council Roads Department carry out an inspection and discuss a feasibility study with the relevant authorities of an upgrade of lighting, signage, and traffic calming measures in that area. I look forward to a report from the Roads Department.”</p>

35.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. O’Boyle</p> <p>“I would propose that local council members when appointed to local organisations, ie, the Model Arts Center, the Hawk’s Well, the Health Forum, the Harbour Board etc, that communications be exchanged between the Councillors and the organisations. Since being appointed to the Sligo Harbour Board I have received no communication of any description from them, I have left my phone no. and email at the said office and still have heard nothing. I would like to know is this common practice from the Harbour Board that no communication is exchanged between them and local representatives.”</p>
36.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. O’Boyle</p> <p>“I would like to know if Irish Water have had access to the database of tenancy records in Sligo Borough Council or Sligo County Council and if so do they have access on an ongoing basis.”</p>
37.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. Healy</p> <p>“To ask Sligo County Council to call on the Minister for the Environment to restore the power to Sligo County Council to control and regulate our own waste disposal. Sinn Fein is very concerned at the increase announced in the cost of waste disposal for households. I wish to propose that the Council introduce bye laws ensuring that any increases in the cost of waste collection are index linked so as to ensure that they do not become prohibitive costs for households.”</p>
38.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor E. Scanlon</p> <p>“To request a meeting with the Minister for Housing to discuss the difficulties being experienced by people on the Shared Ownership Scheme where people are paying more on rent than they would be on ordinary mortgage rates.”</p>
39.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor E. Scanlon</p> <p>“It has been brought to my attention that certain categories of waste being collected by refuse collectors, have been increased up to 200% in certain cases for 2015 and that we should invite in these companies to explain how they can justify these high charges.”</p>
40.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillors M. Baker, E. Scanlon, P. Taylor & Dara Mulvey</p> <p>“That Sligo County Council call on the Transport Minister, Pascal Donoghue to immediately provide funding to progress the N4 Castlebaldwin to Collooney project to tender.”</p>
41.	<p>To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Baker</p> <p>“That Sligo County Council call on the NRA to provide arrows on the Toberbride round-about, Collooney to show road reducing to single lane in the interest of road safety.”</p>

42.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Baker “That Sligo County Council call on Bus Éireann to reinstate the bus stop at Ballinafad Village due to the strong local demand.”
43.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Maguire "Given the increased focus on tourism within our region as a Council we should do all within our power to increase the number of tourists visiting. Carrowmore is one of the premier archaeological attractions in the country, currently this site is closed for half of the year. This motion requests that this Council will seek to have the opening hours of Carrowmore extended."
44.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor P. Taylor “That Sligo County Council call on the Minister for the Environment to immediately introduce a commercial rates concession to those businesses that are unable to open every day or for normal trading hours due to peripheral or rural location.”
45.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor P. Taylor “We also call on the Minister to acknowledge the educational purpose and contribution of all childcare providers and abolish commercial rates on such businesses.”
46.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor R. O’Grady “That Sligo County Council seek funding for essential and emergency repairs to Raughley Harbour and peninsula, namely subsidence of jetty wall, ongoing issues with coastal erosion and surface of access road.”
47.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor R. O’Grady “That Sligo County Council as a matter of urgency replace road markings at the junction known as McCormack’s Cross, Ballygilgan, Maugherow and upgrading of road surface at this junction.”
48.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor R. O’Grady “That Sligo County Council call on the Government to announce the necessary resources to provide for Cardio Catherisation laboratory facilities at Sligo Regional Hospital, so as to provide patients with an equal standard of treatment similar to other regions where the potential for emergency stenting within the internationally best practice time frame of 90 minutes exists.”
49.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Casserly “To advise when the current walks under development, as part of the Border Uplands Project, will be open to the public.”
50.	To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Casserly “What is the current position regarding development of the SLNCR into a Greenway?”

51.	Votes of Sympathy
52.	Votes of Congratulations
53.	Conferences
54.	To note the summary of proceedings of conferences attended in accordance with Section 142(5) (f) of the Local Government Act, 2001.
55.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Email dated 11th December, 2014 from Paul Keyes, Sligo Chamber re request to make presentation to Sligo County Council. (b) Letter dated 11th December, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Social Protection acknowledging receipt of correspondence regarding the Respite Care Grant. (c) Letter dated 12th December, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Health acknowledging receipt of correspondence regarding Fampyra. (d) Letter dated 12th December, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Health acknowledging receipt of correspondence regarding hospital waiting lists. (e) Letter dated 17th December, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Justice & Equality acknowledging receipt of correspondence. (f) Letter dated 18th December, 2014 from the Office of the Taoiseach acknowledging receipt of correspondence. (g) Letter dated 19th December, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Education & Skills acknowledging receipt of correspondence regarding Special Needs Assistants in the Sligo area.
56.	Matters Arising from Minutes
57.	Any Other Business