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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, 5th October, 2015

AT: 11.00 a.m.

IN: Council Chamber, County Hall, Riverside, Sligo

You are requested to attend.

K. Colreavy
Administrative Officer

CLÁR

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 7th September, 2015 (*copy by e-mail and posted on extranet*).
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Adjourned Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 14th September, 2015 (*copy by e-mail and posted on extranet*).
3. To confirm the Minutes of the Strategic Policy Committee 3 Meeting (Planning Community and Economic Development, Arts and Culture) held on 16th June, 2015 (*copy by e-mail and posted on extranet*).
4. To confirm the Minutes of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry held on 18th May, 2015 (*Copy by e-mail and posted on extranet*).

5. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District held on Monday, 22nd June, 2015 (*Copy by e-mail and posted on extranet*).
6. To confirm the Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Sligo held on 29th June, 2015 (*copy by e-mail and posted on extranet*).
7. To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the disposal of lands at Mullaghroe, Gurteen, Co Sligo in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (*copy previously circulated and posted on extranet*).
8. To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the leasing of Collooney Court House to Collooney Village Redevelopment Ltd in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (*copy previously circulated and posted on extranet*).
9. To consider report in relation to commencing the process of Taking in Charge the development known as “The Rock” at Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo (*copy previously circulated and posted on extranet*).
10. Presentation by Sligo Combined Residents’ Associations Group.
11. To note the Monthly Management Report for August 2015 (*copy previously circulated and on extranet*).
12. To fill a casual vacancy on the Northern and Western Regional Assembly (formerly the Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly) following the resignation of Councillor Martin Baker (*copy of correspondence by e-mail and posted on extranet*).
13. To appoint one (1) Member to the Cranmore Steering Committee following the death of Councillor Seamus O’Boyle, R.I.P.
14. To appoint one (1) Member to the Joint Policing Committee following the death of Councillor Seamus O’Boyle, R.I.P.
15. To appoint one (1) Member to Sligo County Council’s Procedures Committee following the death of Councillor Seamus O’Boyle, R.I.P.
16. To consider the Draft County Sligo Heritage Plan 2016-2020 (*Copy by e-mail and posted on extranet*).
17. To hear a report on accessibility and the Barcelona Declaration (*Report to follow*).
18. To note Sligo’s performance in Tidy Towns Awards 2015.
19. To note Report on the proposed establishment of the Sligo Wild Atlantic Way Food Trail and the funding proposal submitted to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the Rural Innovation and Development Fund (*Copy by e-mail and posted on extranet*).
20. To set a date for the Sligo County Council Budget 2016 meeting between 2nd November 2015 and 27th November 2015.
21. To set dates for holding Municipal District meetings to consider the draft budgetary plan between 15th October to 13th November 2015.
22. To receive a report on major infrastructure projects under the Government’s six year Capital Plan 2016-2021.
23. To hear a report on the Financial Plan.

DEFERRED MOTIONS

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

“That Sligo County Council supports the recent industrial action forced on the lecturers of St Angela’s College and calls on the National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG) to engage with the genuine concerns of the lecturers by entering into discussions with the TUI on all issues of concern surrounding the proposed incorporation of St Angela’s into NUIG.”

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

“To ask Sligo County Council to remove the burden of commercial rates from early childhood care and educational facilities in Co. Sligo, as is the case with all other educational premises, both public and private throughout the country.”

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

“That the Council resolves (a) that grants allocated to residents associations by the Sligo local authorities in 2014, be maintained, at a minimum, at the same level in the current year; and that the required additional finance be taken from the funding provided in Programme FO4 - Community Grants; and (b) that applications now be accepted from residents associations which received grant aid from the Sligo local authorities in 2014 and were late in submitting applications in the current year due to the changes in the grants system.”

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

“That Sligo County Council calls on the Minister for Education and Minister for Children to immediately appoint a qualified Childcare Professional to the Childcare facility at Aclare in south Sligo – known as “Magic Moments” so that the building can be reopened for the new school year”.

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

“To call on the Government to immediately re-instate the full Christmas bonus to Pensioners and those on long term Social Welfare in the October Budget 2015”.

MOTIONS

29. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor J. Queenan**

“Call on the Minister for Communications to review the new Eircode postcode system as it is proposed that most of west Sligo will have a Mayo address”.

30. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. MacManus**

“To ask for an update on proposals to make the road at Lower St Bridget’s Place, Sligo, one-way as previously agreed at time of the Remedial Works Scheme in this estate”.

31. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. MacManus**

“To request that Sligo County Council prepare a report on what measures are required and can be undertaken to address both the abuse by some members of the public and the environmental impact on the sand dunes adjacent to the new slipway leading to Strandhill beach. That, if necessary, application be made to the relevant Government Department to secure funding to address the erosion problems caused to the dunes over the past number of years”.

32. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. MacManus**

“That Sligo County Council Take in Charge Lar Easa Cove, Strandhill.”

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

What plans have been put in place by Sligo County Council to extend Court Abbey Cemetery as it is nearing capacity?

34. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. MacSharry**

"That Sligo County Council CEO and executive provide a swipe card to any elected member who request one to gain access to offices at City Hall while acting in the course of their duties as a Council member".

35. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. MacSharry**

"That Sligo County Council calls on Central Government and the Minister for Finance to reintroduce the telephone allowance to the home care/ household benefit package and to increase the fuel allowance to €35 euro per week in the upcoming budget".

36. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree and Councillor G. O’Boyle**

“That the Council resolves that a portion of the matching funds provided in the annual budget be made available in the event of grant aid being allocated by the Heritage Council or other bodies for a Conservation Plan for the Greenfort.”

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

“Following on from correspondence from the HSE in a letter dated 19th January 2015 where they have committed to providing a modern Primary Care Centre in Tubbercurry that we request the up-to-date position on the provision of this all important facility”

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

“That the Council be provided with a breakdown of the contractors employed by the Council during the period 1st January 2014 to the 31st of December 2014, the work or works in lieu for which they were contracted and the amounts paid to those contractors.”

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

“That we be provided with a report as to

- a. The number of applicants that have applied under Housing Aid for Older People.
- b. The number inspected.
- c. The number approved.
- d. The number notified.

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

“Noting that An Bord Pleanála has approved planning permission for the proposed extension of the existing slipway, and the construction of a pontoon and access ramp in addition to a small walkway and dinghy mooring system at Rosses Point harbour; this Council resolves that an application for grant aid for the development be submitted under the Local Authority Harbour Development and Marine Leisure Programme for 2016, and further the Council requests the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, to approve grant aid for this much needed project.”

41. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Kilgannon**

“Sligo County Council welcomes the Government Plan for Rural Ireland, however, this Council calls on Government to make 30 million available each year for the next 6 years for Rural towns and villages”.

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

“To Call on Sligo County Council to make safe the junction for Residents along the old Sligo to Boyle road at Ballinafad”.

43. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Clarke**

“To call on the Minister for Agriculture, Simon Coveney TD, and the Department of Agriculture

1. to scrap the Beef Data and Genomics Scheme and replace it with a workable suckler cow scheme
2. to meet with his counterparts in northern Ireland and England to open up livestock exports
3. to end the practice of retrospective penalties, and to introduce fair farm inspections

4. to provide a report on the corrections system and to return it to the system heretofore which was fast and efficient
5. to resign as Minister for Justice and concentrate on Agriculture”.

44. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Clarke**

“To call on this Council to provide a report on the newly announced 30 million scheme, how much will this Council receive and how will it be rolled out”.

45. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Clarke**

“Given that there is a national homeless scandal, I call on Sligo County Council to prepare a report,

- a) how many houses will this council build in 2016 ?
- b) how many houses will this council buy in 2016?”

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

“That this Council make an application for funding to have works carried out on the Regional Road 296 at Cloonkeavy where the road is subsiding”.

47. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor R. O’Grady, Councillor J. Lundy and Councillor S. Kilgannon**

“On the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Cumann na mBan, and in recognition of those women who served, who played a vital role in securing the independence of the State, that a building, street or other be named Cumann na mBan “Linda Kearins” in recognition”.

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

"That Sligo County Council would adopt this resolution in support of Cork City Council in its actions against the proposed merger of Cork City and County Councils, and further supports its challenge to the Local Government Reform programme, which undermines the European principal of subsidiarity.

We also direct the meeting administrator to inform the Minister for the Environment and Local Government and the Secretary General of the same Department of the passing of this motion by this Council”.

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

“Currently there are 121 County Council houses unoccupied throughout the County. How will these be allocated? When will these properties be allocated to people? As the homelessness crisis worsens action must be taken by the Council to ensure that those seeking accommodation in our County have their accommodation needs met without further delay.

It is my understanding that some of these 121 unoccupied properties need repair works to be carried out. Would it be possible for these house to be allocated to people who has express a wish for accommodation and have undertaken to carry out repairs and maintenance on the property themselves. Perhaps an agreement can be meet in relation to the cost of these repairs if they are carried out by tenant, i.e. grant allocation for essential repairs, reduction in rent over a period of time or outsource the repair works to independent contractors”.

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

“Following the news that the Sligo Greenway Co-op now has permission from the landowner, Irish Rail to pursue the objective of a greenway from Collooney to the county border at Bellaghy, on the closed since 1963 railway line and following the announcement that the Government is releasing €30 million for special projects to help rejuvenate rural towns and village, I propose that Sligo county council should propose that a project such as the Sligo Greenway Co-Op plan for a greenway from Collooney to Bellaghy on the county border with Mayo which will benefit a number of rural towns and villages such as Ballisodare, Collooney, Coolaney, Tubbercurry, Curry and Bellaghy along the route; that the council executive should write to the Minister responsible for rural re-generation Minister Ann Phelan highlighting this shovel ready project which the landowner Irish Rail agrees with and which this council supports, as an ideal project to receive funding immediately”.

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

“That speaking time both on proposing and discussing a motion in this chamber be kept to 3 minutes maximum to ensure the efficient running of Council meetings as is the norm in numerous council chambers throughout the country”.

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

“That Sligo County Council supports the Town Twinning Programme between Tubbercurry and Viarmes (France) which is celebrating its 15th Anniversary this October and is of huge cultural and economic benefit to Tubbercurry and south Sligo”.

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

“To call on Sligo County Council to carry out repairs along the road 721 from Keash to Culfadda due to subsidence“.

54. Votes of Sympathy

55. Votes of Congratulations

56. Conferences and Training – October to December 2015 (*as at 29th September, 2015 - copy by e-mail and posted on extranet*).

57. To note the summary of proceedings of conferences and training attended in accordance with Section 142(5) (f) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

58. Correspondence:

- a) Letter dated 22nd September, 2015 from the “Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)” acknowledging invitation to attend a Meeting of Sligo County Council.
- b) Letter dated 22nd September, 2015 from the Office of the Minister for Finance acknowledging notice of motion re. forthcoming Budget.
- c) Letter dated 23rd September, 2015 from the Office of the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government re. illegal dumping. (*Copy by e-mail and posted on extranet*).

59. Matters Arising from Minutes.

60. Any Other Business.