

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE SHLIGIGH**

**SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**

Corporate Services  
County Hall  
Riverside  
Sligo

071 911 1216

1st July, 2014

**TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH AND EACH MEMBER OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council will be held:

**ON: Monday 7th July, 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 Sligo/Drumcliffe Electoral Area Meeting held on 17th February, 2014. *(copy attached)*
2. To confirm the Minutes Sligo County Council's Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014. *(copy attached)*
3. To confirm the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 28th April, 2014. *(copy attached)*
4. To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary May Meeting held on 2nd May, 2014. *(copy attached)*
5. To confirm the Minutes of the AGM of Sligo County Council, held on 6th June, 2014. *(copy attached)*
6. To consider the Chief Executive's report on the proposed holding of an event (Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann) by Sligo County Council from 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2014. *(report attached)*
7. To approve the disposal of lands at, Rathquarter, Sligo located off Connaughton Road to the Health Service Executive, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001. *(previously circulated)*
8. To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of a dwelling at Doonfore, Ballinfull Co. Sligo to Olga McCarrick and Ann Marie Ahern. *(previously circulated)*
9. To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of land by Sligo County Council at Tullycusheen, Tubbercurry, Co Sligo. *(previously circulated)*
10. To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at Balladrehid, Ballisodare, Co. Sligo to Cluid Housing Association. *(previously circulated)*

11. To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at Kilmacowen, Ballisodare, Co. Sligo to Joanna Sweeney. *(previously circulated)*
12. That Sligo County Council in accordance with Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001, Part 8 (Article 81)(as amended by the Planning and Development Regulations 2006) proceed with the construction of dwelling house, P.E.T. system, raised percolation area and all associated site development works at Daghloonagh Td, Keash, Co Sligo. *(previously circulated)*
13. To consider report in relation to the taking in charge of a development of 4 houses at Curry, Co. Sligo. *(copy attached)*
14. To consider report in relation to the taking in charge the development known as 'Ougham Bawn,' at Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo. *(copy attached)*
15. To approve the 2014 Student Grant Scheme. *(copy attached)*
16. Ireland West Airport Knock: To consider a proposal.
17. Cranmore Regeneration: To receive presentation and project update.
18. 'Pilot Project – Diversion of Waste from Landfill': Presentation by Siobhan Gillen, Acting/Waste Enforcement Officer, Sligo County Council.
19. To consider the Statutory Audit Report on the Accounts of Sligo Borough Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012. *(report attached)*
20. To authorise over expenditure reported in the 2013 Annual Financial Statement of Sligo County Council in accordance with section 104(7) of the Local Government Act 2001, and to consider the Annual Financial Statement of Sligo County Council for 2013 in accordance with section 108 (5) of the Local Government Act 2001. *(reports to follow)*
21. To authorise over expenditure reported in the 2013 Annual Financial Statement of Sligo Borough Council in accordance with section 104(7) of the Local Government Act 2001, and to consider the Annual Financial Statement of Sligo Borough Council for 2013 in accordance with section 108 (5) of the Local Government Act 2001. *(reports to follow)*
22. To note Q1 2014 IMF /EU Financial Returns for Sligo County Council. *(report attached)*
23. To note Q1 2014 IMF /EU Financial Returns for Sligo Borough Council. *(report attached)*
24. To appoint two (2) members to the Board of the Hawk's Well Theatre following clarification on membership from the Hawk's Well. *(memo attached)*
25. To appoint thirteen (13) members to the County Sligo Joint Policing Committee (JPC). *(memo to follow)*
26. To appoint member(s) to the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) and to formerly establish the LCDC Committee. *(report to follow)*
27. To appoint four (4) members to the Board of The Model. *(memo attached)*
28. To appoint member(s) to the Sligo Access Committee (county wide).
29. To appoint two (2) members to the Board of Sligo Sport & Recreation Partnership following clarification on membership.
30. To appoint one(1) member to the Board of Sligo Volunteer Centre. *(letter attached)*
31. To appoint four members to the Strandhill Maritime Company Ltd.
32. To appoint members to the Procedures Committee.
33. To appoint one member to the Board of the County Sligo Heritage and genealogy society.
34. To appoint two members to the Board of the BIDs partnership committee.

## MOTIONS

35. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor E. Scanlon** "To ask Sligo County Council to support the Connaught Fleadh which is being held in Ballymote in July, 2015."
36. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor E. Scanlon** "To invite the Minister for Agriculture, Simon Covney, to a meeting of Sligo County Council to discuss the impending serious cattle crisis that is effecting farmers in the North

West.”

37. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillors S. MacManus** “That Sligo County Council; noting that the Local Property Tax is an extra tax on people who own a home and that each local authority has the power to vary the Property Tax by up to 15%, this Council supports the maximum reduction of 15% in Local Property Tax as allowed under the current legislation.”
38. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Mulvey** “Given that the Minister for Sustainable and public transport Alan Kelly is on record as stating that any extension of The Western Rail corridor will not be considered for ten or even twenty years, and given the alarming level of incursions on the closed rail route in County Sligo, and the Minister’s recent statement that he is in favour of protecting old railway routes with greenways, I propose that the Council should write to the Minister seeking funding to support a feasibility study for a greenway to be put in place on the disused railway line from Collooney to the County border at Bellaghy/Charlestown. The project proposal should include a plan to connect this greenway to Sligo through existing trails in Union Wood, with future expansion onwards to Enniskillen via the proposed Collooney-Enniskillen greenway. This connected infrastructure would also have the potential to connect further south and west to the existing Great Western Greenway, creating a tourism product that would allow the west of Ireland to capitalise on the strong and growing European market for cycling and long-distance walking holidays, as well as providing a superb and safe leisure and commuting facility for all the communities along the route.”
39. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Healy** “Given Sligo County Councils serious financial situation I would propose that this Council would request an all-party deputation to meet with the Minister for the Environment to assist in putting forward our case, I would ask that a full briefing document on our financial position be prepared for the Ministers attention.”
40. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Healy** ‘I, Councillor Thomas Healy, now table a Motion to call on the Minister of the Environment, Community & Local Government, Phil Hogan, to revoke the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014 - Statutory Instrument Number 9. This Legislation prevents citizens from building their own home by direct labour. Ireland is now the only country in the world to ban self building and this situation is totally unacceptable. We all want better regulation of the construction sector - but the regulations must include people who want to build a family home. There has been a fair system of building control put to Minister Hogan, a system which would solve all issues within this legislation and would be cost neutral to the State, and we call on Minister to implement this system with immediate effect as there are families who have put their builds on hold and cannot possibly proceed under this legislation’ Also, that Sligo County Council will sign off on a once off build to cut cost on house owner, this will generate money for the local authorities.”
41. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Healy** “Requesting a past program of works carried out on the footpaths in the Collooney area and also a new program of works to footpaths for the coming years.”
42. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor E. Scanlon** “To ask Sligo County Council to ensure that emergency repair works are carried out on County Road at Rooskey Beg, Culfadda, Ballymote. Subsidence has left the road with no verge and it is only passable for one car at a time. A stretch of approximately 80 metres needs immediate attention.”
43. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Mac Manus** “In light of the abolition of Sligo Borough Council and the amalgamation of the Borough area into the remit of Sligo County Council I ask the CEO to indicate if the citizens of the urban area of Sligo City will still be able to access the same level of financial services in

City Hall as they have done in the past i.e. payment of rents, traffic fines and rates etc.”

44. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Kilgannon** “To ask the Chief Executive to consider the possibility of introducing free parking in public car-parks on Sundays as an incentive to shoppers and visitors to Sligo.”
45. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Clarke** “That this Council calls on the NRA to carrying out an inspection on the N59 from junction L6702 Carrigens to junction L2402 Owenbeg, a 2km stretch and from junction L2604 Stokane to junction L6612 Knockbrack, a 2.5km stretch; and to provide a report to this Council, including design plans, costs, and timescale of when works are to be carried out.”
46. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Clarke** “To call on this Council to provide a status report on the disabled and older people grants and to apply to the government for a further funds.”
47. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree** "Recognising the financial burden that the property tax is imposing on families and households that are struggling to cope with the governments austerity measures; and conscious of the fact that the majority of citizens rejected the candidates and policies of the government parties in the recent local elections; this meeting of Sligo County Council declares its opposition to the governments austerity policies and resolves to reduce the Property Tax by 15%."
48. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree** "That the Council commence the process of taking in charge the Lar Easa housing estate, Strandhill."
49. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Gormley** “That this Council calls on the HSE to provide a modern primary care centre in Tubbercurry.”
50. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Gormley** “Due to the shortfall of € 1,414,764 in the Restoration & Maintenance funding for local roads in 2014 as compared to the 2013 allocation, this Council calls on Minister for Transport, Leo Varadkar to re-instate this funding and also calls on the Minister to make a special allocation available for Class 3 roads which have not received any funding for the past number of years.”
51. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree** “That the Council carry out the necessary planning preparations and design works and seek the necessary consents to permit the Council to seek grant aid and implement on a phased basis if necessary, the required improvements, enhancement works, repairs and refurbishment at Rosses Point harbour and pier.”
52. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor P. Taylor** “I will ask Sligo County Council for a full report on all broadband services within the county, especially regarding South, East and West Sligo.”
53. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor P. Taylor** “I will ask at the next meeting of Sligo County Council that this Council ask Irish Water to examine the possibility of linking the water from Lough Talt to the Gurteen area.”
54. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor P. Taylor** “I call on Sligo County Council to investigate the possibility of making community schemes available to towns and villages in the south Sligo Area.”
55. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Gormley** “Due to the condition of the water supply in
  - (a) The Killaraght area whereby consumers are unable to use it for human consumption they have to buy bottled water this council calls on Irish Water and Roscommon Co Council to furnish this council with a report as to what measures are been taken to upgrade the scheme.
  - (b) A number of consumers in areas of this county (Killavil/ Bunninadden /Gurteen,

Knockadoo, Coolaney) are experiencing reduced water pressure causing major problems for farmers and householders I am requesting that we the members be furnished with a report and that steps be taken to have this matter resolved.”

56. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Baker** “I propose that the following wording be included in the County Development Plan: ‘It is the policy of this Council not to permit the exploration for, or extraction of, oil or gas, by unconventional means such as Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking), cryogenics, or any similar purpose technology, as it would be in direct contravention of this Council’s policies concerning the following; water, waste water, air quality, noise pollution, tourism, agriculture, food production, roads/transport, protection of areas of outstanding natural beauty, NHA’a/SAC’s and the promotion development of sustainable energy sources and major incident hazards’.”
57. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Baker** “To call on the Director of Services to introduce traffic calming measures on Road R284 at Geevagh village.”
58. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Baker** “To call on the Director of Services for an up to date report on the urgent foot path works required at Soeey N.S.”
59. Votes of Sympathy
60. Votes of Congratulations
61. Conferences
62. Correspondence:
  - (a) Letter dated 29th April, 2014 from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re application for dredging works at Sligo Harbour.
  - (b) Letter dated 2nd May, 2014 from the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport re funding for Class 3 roads.
  - (c) Letter dated 15th May, 2014 from the Department of Social Protection re policy on requesting bank statements from applicants.
  - (d) Letter dated 20th May, 2014 from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government regarding radon measurements and associated remedial works.
  - (e) Letter dated 27th May, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Health re prescription charges for medical card holders.
  - (f) Letter dated 30th May, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Law Reform regarding venues for Coroners’ Courts.
  - (g) Letter dated 4th June, 2014 from the Department of Social and Family Affairs regarding budget cuts to social welfare rates.
  - (h) Letter dated 25th June, 2014 from Deputy Tony McLoughlin TD, re funding for a Greenway cycle.
  - (i) Letter dated 27th June, 2014 from IT Sligo’s Head of Strategy & Planning re the formation of Technological Universities.
63. Matters Arising from Minutes
64. Any Other Business