

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE SHLIGIGH

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 8th September, 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 July Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council, held on 7th July, 2014. *(copy attached)*
2. To confirm Minutes of a Special Meeting of Sligo County Council, held on 20th August, 2014. *(copy attached)*
3. To consider report in relation to commencing the process of ‘taking in charge’ Phase 1 of the development known as ‘Waterside Lane’, at Strandhill, Co. Sligo. *(copy attached)*
4. To consider report in relation to commencing the process of ‘taking in charge’ the development known as ‘Killaspugbrone’, at Strandhill, Co. Sligo. *(copy attached)*
5. To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, a lease of the property known as the Community Centre, Caltragh, Cornageeha, Sligo by Sligo County Council to Sligo Leader Partnership. *(previously circulated)*
6. To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at 6 Ballytivnan, Sligo to Nigel McTernan as legal personal representative of James McTernan (otherwise Seamus McTernan). *(previously circulated)*
7. To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the sale of property at Bearlough, Ballymote, Co. Sligo.” *(previously circulated)*

8. '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 the N17/R294 Junction Improvements 2014 as outlined in the report.' *(report to follow)*
9. To note Directorate Quarterly Reports. *(copy attached)*
10. To note report on the preparation of Monthly Management Reports. *(report attached)*
11. To note report on the establishment of a Public Participation Network and the preparation of a Framework for Public Participation in Local Government. *(report to follow)*
12. To appoint four (4) members to the Board of The Model. *(memo attached)*
13. To appoint two (2) members to the Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly. *(letter attached)*
14. To appoint three (3) members to the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG). *(memo attached)*
15. To appoint a Chair to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee, in accordance with Section 22 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998, from the 4 members previously nominated to the committee.
16. To fix a date for a Special Meeting of Sligo County Council to consider the variation of the Local Property Tax (LPT) for 2015.
17. To fix a date for a meeting of the Procedures Committee.

MOTIONS

18. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Mac Manus**
"To ask for an up-to-date report on steps being taken to overcome the traffic problems experienced at the traffic lights at junction of First Sea Road/Strandhill Road."
19. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. MacManus**
"Given the current crisis in the provision of housing for those families on council waiting lists across this State with 90,000 applicants currently waiting for accommodation, including 1,200 in Co. Sligo, this Council calls on the Minister for Housing to urgently implement a housing programme to tackle this matter using a combination of funding. Such funding sources would include the National Pension Reserve Fund, European Investment Bank, incentivised private pension investment and the capital budget to deliver social housing units through construction, purchase and renovation."
20. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Mac Manus**
"That Sligo County Council will to write to the Minister for Social Protection calling on her to urgently rectify the legal loophole that allows for the reckless practice of informal insolvency by rogue employers leaving workers unable to access their statutory entitlements."
21. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Kilgannon**
"To ask Sligo County Council to call on the Minster for Finance, in framing the 2015

Budget, to consider reducing or removing the Universal Social Charge; this will benefit the widest number of people and provide much needed relief to working families.”

22. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Mac Sharry**
"That Sligo County Council supports the call from the Restaurants Association of Ireland for the ongoing retention of the 9% VAT rate for the food, tourism and hospitality sector, that has helped create jobs in the economy, and that this Council ask the Minister for Finance to keep VAT at 9% into 2015 and beyond."
23. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. Kilgannon**
“That Sligo County supports the call from the Restaurants Association of Ireland for the ongoing retention of the 9% vat rate for the food, tourism and hospitality sector, that has helped create 25% of the jobs in the economy. This Council calls on the Minister for Finance to keep Vat at 9% into 2015 and beyond.”
24. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree**
“Noting that the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government has issued a license under the Foreshore Act to allow the Council to undertake dredging works at Sligo Harbour; this meeting resolves that the Council now submit an application to the Environmental Protection Agency for a Dumping at Sea Licence.”
25. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree**
“That the Council be provided with a report indicating the number of Council houses which have been vacant for in excess of 6 months; the location of each house; the reason the houses have been left vacant for such a period; the proposals, if any, to make the houses available to applicants on the housing waiting list; the report also to include details of the number of applicants on the Council’s housing waiting list.”
26. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Bree**
“To ask the Chief Executive if an application has been received to take the Buenos Aires Court housing scheme, Strandhill, in charge; and to ask when it is expected that a recommendation to take the estate in charge will come before the Council.”
27. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Gormley**
“ That this Council calls on the Government to reinstate the funding for the National Broadband Scheme and also that they honour their commitment which they made before the local elections to deliver high speed broadband to rural areas”
28. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor J. Lundy**
“That Sligo County Council supports the call from the Restaurants Association of Ireland for the ongoing retention of the 9% vat rate for the food, tourism and hospitality sector, which has helped create one in four of the jobs in the economy. That this Council ask the Minister for Finance to keep vat at 9% into 2015 and beyond.”
29. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor J. Lundy**
“I will ask Sligo County Council to contact the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to seek replacement jobs for Tubbercurry, following the decision of Aurivo to move their workforce of 50 from their head office in Tubbercurry to Sligo.”
30. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor J. Lundy**
“To ask the Director of Services for a report on the number of septic tanks that have been

inspected in Co. Sligo to date and the number that have failed the test; will the owners get the maximum grant available or 100% of the upgrade costs?"

31. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Healy**
"To call on Sligo County Council to allocate funds towards the surface water pipe network in Ballintogher as the pipe network is poor and has caused flooding in the town."
32. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Clarke**
"To call on Sligo County Council (a) to provide proper funds for Mobility, Disability and Older People Grants; (b) in order to provide for proper funds I call on Sligo to discuss and consider a 5% increase in the property charge if it deemed is required."
33. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor E. Scanlon**
"Can the position in relation the water metres for commercial and agricultural connections been clarified. Is it proposed that a standing charge will apply to these connections? Is the standing charge payable by domestic users to Veolia to be abolished and if so from what date?"
34. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor J. Queenan**
"To ask the Chief Executive to commence the process of activating bye-laws on Road 79 Bunnina, Easkey to regularise the parking of caravans along the sea front."
35. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor J. Queenan**
"To ask the Director of Services to commence the process of making the road public, off the R297 from Hollow, Enniscrone to the council car park."
36. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor J. Queenan**
"To call on the Minister for Agriculture, Simon Covney to intervene in the collapse of cattle prices, which is causing great hardship in the farming community."
37. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Gormley**
"To ask the Director of Services when the vacant litter warden position will be filled?"
38. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Healy**
"To ask Sligo County Council what is the current situation with the derelict house opposite the treatment plant in Collooney? Is this to be demolished to accommodate the new treatment plant, or what plan has Sligo County Council got in place for this property or is this now the property of Irish Water?"
39. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor T. Healy**
"To call on Sligo County Council for an update report on the three developments which received funding from the Department under the Special Resolution Fund (SRF) Has the work commenced and is there enough funds to complete these projects? Has any of the money been drawn down and what is the time frame for completion on all three developments?"
40. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Mulvey**
"To ask Sligo County Council to put traffic calming measure in place along main street Coolaney as a safety measure."
41. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor D. Mulvey**
"To ask Sligo County Council has there been any update on the issue of a footpath extension from Ballymote to the 2 factory units at Carrownanty."

42. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Clarke**
 “To call on Sligo County Council to provide emergency funds for damage caused to Pulladivva Pier prior to the winter storms.”
43. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor P. Taylor**
 “I call on Sligo County Council to promote and support all of the services and relevant agencies that are working to promote the misuse of drugs and the awareness effort to reduce the impact of drug abuse.”
44. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. O’Boyle**
 “I, Councillor Seamus O’Boyle want to put forward a motion that Sligo County Council request funds from central government for social and affordable housing in Sligo as there has not been any local authority houses built in Sligo in recent years.”
45. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. O’Boyle**
 “I, Councillor Seamus O’Boyle would like to propose a motion that the housing authorities give a report on the number of people that are on the waiting list in Sligo and also if possible a breakdown of categories of people waiting e.g. Single, Single parents, families etc.”
46. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor S. O’Boyle**
 “I, Councillor Seamus O’Boyle want to propose a motion that that the Housing Department do a report of how many vacant houses Sligo County Council have on their books and the possibility of them being released to people waiting on local authority housing.”
47. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Gormley**
 “I am calling on Sligo County Council in the interest of health and safety to (a) provide flashing lights on R294 at Holy Family N.S., Tubbercurry warning motorists to reduce speed until such time as a safe parking area is in place; (b) provide an up-date report on transfer of lands at Holy Family N.S from HSE to Council.”
48. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Casserly**
 “That Sligo County Council examine the feasibility of free parking in Sligo town on Sundays.”
49. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Casserly**
 “That Sligo County Council work towards providing public toilets in Sligo town.”
50. To consider the following motion as submitted by **Councillor M. Casserly**
 “To ask the Director of Services for an update on the Hughes Bridge Widening Scheme.”
51. Votes of Sympathy
52. Votes of Congratulations
53. Conferences
54. Correspondence:
- (a) Letter dated 2nd July, 2014 from Sligo Tourism regarding membership on the Board of Sligo TourismLrd.
 - (b) Letter dated 11th July 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Health re services in Sligo General.
 - (c) Letter dated 11th July, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for justice and Equality re Tubbercurry garda Station.
 - (d) Letter dated 23rd July, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine acknowledging receipt of letter.

- (e) Letter dated 29th July, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport acknowledging receipt of letter.
- (f) Letter dated 1st August, 2014 from Leitrim County Council regarding resolution passed by their members re fracking.
- (g) Letter dated 11th August, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government acknowledging receipt of letter re Housing Grants.
- (h) Letter dated 12th August, 2014 from South Dublin City Council regarding resolution passed by their members re Irish citizen, Mr. Ibrahim Halawa being detained in Egypt.
- (i) Letter received on 19th August, 2014 from the HSE re a Cath lab in Sligo General.
- (j) Letter dated 20th August, 2014 from the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding the development of a greenway from Collooney to Charlestown.
- (k) Circular LG 21/2014 dated 20th August, 2014 re training for elected members.
(previously circulated)
- (l) Letter dated 11th August from Mr. Martin Forde re Fleadh 2014.
- (m) Letter dated 29th August, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport acknowledging receipt of letter re Class 3 roads.

55. Matters Arising from Minutes

56. Any Other Business