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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 7th November, 2016

AT: 11.00 a.m.

IN: Council Chamber, County Hall, Riverside, Sligo

You are requested to attend.

K. Colreavy
Administrative Officer

CLÁR

1. To consider resolution pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, signed by Councillor D. Bree, Councillor S. MacManus, Councillor H. Keaney and Councillor S. Kilgannon (*previously circulated*):
'We, the members of Sligo County Council, pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, hereby instruct the Chief Executive of Sligo County Council to ensure that the tender documents for the O'Connell Street Enhancement Scheme are prepared and the necessary tenders sought so as to allow the works to proceed as planned in the first quarter of 2017.
2.
 - a. To confirm Minutes of Procedures Committee meeting held on 1st June, 2016 (*Copy attached and posted on Extranet*).
 - b. To consider resolution referred from Procedures Committee Meeting held on 25th October, 2016 (*Previously circulated and posted on Extranet*).
3. To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Sligo Municipal District held on 20th June, 2016. (*Copy attached and posted on Extranet*).
4. To confirm Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Municipal District held on 18th July, 2016. (*Copy attached and posted on Extranet*).
5. To confirm Minutes of Special Meeting (re. L.P.T.) of Sligo County Council held on 26th September, 2016 (*Copy attached and posted on Extranet*).

6. To confirm Minutes of Special Meeting (re. N.U.I.G.) of Sligo County Council held on 3rd October, 2016 *(Copy attached and posted on Extranet)*.
7. To confirm Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 3rd October, 2016 *(Copy attached and posted on Extranet)*.
8. To consider, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2011, the disposal of a property at Finisklin, Sligo to Mr. John Donlon *(previously circulated)*.
9. "To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the disposal of a dwelling house at Rahelly, Cashelgarron, Co. Sligo to the Health Service Executive *(Copy previously circulated)*."
10. To approve in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, and Regulations there under, provision of assistance to Oaklee Housing Trust, in the form of Capital Assistance Scheme in the value of €218,302 for the purchase of a dwelling at Rathdooney Beg, Ballymote, Co. Sligo *(Copy previously circulated)*."
11. "To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at 18 Cherry Tree Park, Riverstown, Co. Sligo to Keith Middleton and Louise Mooney. *(Copy previously circulated)*."
12. "To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at 4 Collery Drive, Sligo to Leona McMorrow *(Copy previously circulated)*."
13. "To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at 52 St. John's Terrace, Sligo to Robert and Chrysella Kelly *(Copy previously circulated)*."
14. "To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of land at Circular Road, townland of Carrowntuber, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo to Hungry Horse outside". *(Copy previously circulated)*."
15. To approve in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, and Regulations thereunder, provision of financial assistance in the form of the Capital Assistance Scheme to the following Approved Housing Body, as per report dated 15th June 2016:
 - o Focus Housing Association Ltd. (re. 37 Sráid na Mara, First Sea Road) *(Previously circulated and posted on Extranet)*.
16. To approve in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, and Regulations thereunder, provision of financial assistance in the form of the Capital Assistance Scheme to the following Approved Housing Body, as per report dated 24th August, 2016:
 - o Focus Housing Association Ltd. (re. 15 Ardee Terrace). *(Previously circulated and posted on Extranet)*.
17. To note the "Roads Winter Service Plan 2016/17 *(Copy to follow)*."
18. To note the Monthly Management Report for September 2016 *(Copy previously circulated and posted on Extranet)*.
19. To note the proposed submissions to be made to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs for REDZ Programme Funding 2016.
20. To note the appointment of Ms. Monica Reilly as a member of SPC 1 following resignation of Ms. Rosaleen Doonan.
21. To note the appointment of Mr. Marcus Hufsky as a member of SPC 3 following resignation of Ms. Rosaleen Doonan.
22. To approve recommendation of the Contribution to the Arts Assessment Committee in relation to the appeal by "Sligo Live" *(Report to follow)*.

DEFERRED MOTIONS

23. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree**
 "That this Council calls on the Government and the Minister for Social Protection to

reinstate full rates of payment for those claimants aged 18 to 26 in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance."

MOTIONS

24. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. MacManus:**
"That Sligo County Council notes that:
- A majority of voters in the North of Ireland voted to remain in the European Union in the Brexit referendum which took place on the 23rd June 2016.
 - The uncertainty caused by the Brexit referendum result is already damaging trade and investment and causing currency fluctuations which are impacting on cross-Border business.
 - A new EU frontier stretching from Dundalk to Derry would create real hardship for people in this region particularly those who cross the border on a daily basis who would face potential customs checkpoints, traffic delays and the closure of local border roads.
 - That the current economic uncertainty will be overshadowed by the situation that would arise should a hard border result in the imposition of tariffs and the restriction of the free movement of goods, services and people on this island.
 - The end of EU economic support for peace building and border communities will hit many vital community projects who have over the past decade received over £1 billion in EU support.
 - With the end of EU subsidies farmers in the North will suffer a dramatic loss of income as CAP accounts for approximately 80% of farm incomes in the north and that this will be a severe blow to the local economy in rural areas north and south of the border.
 - Noting the advances that have been made in the Peace Process, opening border roads, and integrating communities separated from their natural hinterlands during the years of conflict, the imposition of new barriers and a hard border would be an enormous backward step.
 - Welcomes the initiative of those from the business sector, the community sector, farmers and individuals who have come together to form **Border Communities Against Brexit** to demand that the Irish and British Governments respect the North's remain vote.

Recognising that it makes absolutely no sense to have one part of Ireland operating within the EU and another outside, this council will actively support the campaign by **Border Communities Against Brexit** for the North's remain vote to be respected."

25. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Clarke:**
"To call on Sligo County Council to prepare a brief up to date progress report on the N4 Collooney-Castlebaldwin road".
26. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Casserly:**
"That Sligo County Council call on the Government to keep their promise, as stated in the Programme for Government document (P.48), to protect and enhance the services available in our local Post Offices."
27. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Gormley:**
"That this Council calls on the Government to honour their commitment to protect and enhance the services available to Post Offices as stated in the programme for Government".

28. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Casserly:**
"That Sligo County Council calls on the GAA to help fund defibrillators for every club in the country."
29. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Clarke:**
"To call on Sligo County Council to immediately develop the Council's site at Knocknacullen, Dromore West, to provide houses for people on the Council's housing waiting list".
30. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor K. Henry:**
"That this Council write to the Department of Finance seeking the introduction of a tax credit for those travelling to work over a certain distance (e.g. 50km) who cannot avail of the TaxSaver Commuter Ticket Scheme. Currently this scheme is only available to employees who work in Dublin, Galway, Limerick or Waterford and therefore neglects the hundreds of thousands who commute to work in other areas of the country that is not served by public transport."
31. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Queenan:**
"Ask the County Manager to give up date report on Sligo County Council's investment in Knock Regional Airport
 - a. Has the loan been drawn re. the investment
 - b. who has attended meetings on behalf of this council?"
32. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Queenan:**
"Ask the Director of Services to give update regarding funding for coastal protection works at sewerage plant Enniscrone".
33. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Queenan:**
"Ask the Director of Services to indicate has he applied for funding to upgrade N59 from Dromore West to Castleconnor".
34. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. Healy:**
"To call on the CEO of Sligo County Council to write to the Minister of Finance requesting that he finds a permanent mechanism to compensate Sligo County Council for this significant loss and all future losses outside the control of the Local Authorities, as this is a major annual loss of rates income resulting from the global revaluations. We stand to lose €267,375 and to a county like Sligo this is unsustainable".
35. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Gormley:**
"To call on Eir to upgrade the cabinet at the rear of the community centre in Bunninadden as there is a fibre broadband cable passing through the village".
36. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Mulvey:**
"To call on Sligo County Council to examine the problem of early morning traffic congestion at the Summerhill roundabout on the main N4 entry road into Sligo Town".
37. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor R. O'Grady:**
"That Sligo County Council contact Irish Rail regarding the overcrowding issues on the Dublin Sligo train, especially on Fridays."
38. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor R. O'Grady:**
"That a review of traffic light timing at the Ray MacSharry Road be done in conjunction with the John Street lights."
39. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. Healy:**
"That Sligo County Council would consider naming the bridge in the village of Ballisodare in honour to volunteer Martin Savage who is a native of Streamstown in recognition of the role he played at the GPO in the 1916 rising; and to call on Sligo County Council to initiate the process under section 192 of the 2001 Local Government Act to have the bridge named the Martin Savage Bridge".
40. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. Healy:**
"To ask Sligo County Council to assess and attain a quote for the costs of the works

needed to erect street lighting on a pole which will address the safety concerns of the teachers and pupils regarding the lack of lighting outside the national school in Maugherow. This building is also used by a large number of Community groups on an annual basis".

41. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor K. Henry:**
"That Sligo County Council facilitate the hosting of the ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) programme by the HSE for its members and staff."
42. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. MacSharry:**
"That Sligo County Council call on the Government (FG and The Independent Alliance) to appoint a Minister to deal exclusively with the ramifications of Brexit on Ireland".
43. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. MacSharry:**
"That Sligo County Council call on the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Education to intervene immediately to resolve the issues affecting members of An Garda Síochana and ASTI teachers to avoid future strike action".
44. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Kilgannon:**
To request Sligo County Council to make an application for funding for an extension to the Pontoon at Mullaghmore and also for the Pontoon at Hughes Bridge in Sligo. The funding application to be applied for through The Northern and Western regional Assembly so that funding can be sourced through the Capital Investment Plan."
45. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Kilgannon:**
"To request Sligo County Council Roads department to construct a pedestrian Exit from the Car Park on Adelaide Street on to the Mid Block route . This pedestrian exit will open up the car park for use by the travelling public using the Train or Bus to travel out of Sligo."
46. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Maguire:**
"Regarding the upgrading of the sewage plant at Strandhill, can Sligo County Council clarify from Irish Water whether the increased loading, resulting from the classification of Strandhill as a point of interest along the Wild Atlantic Way has been included in the capacity design calculations for the new waste water treatment plant. Can the up to date monitoring figures for those using the WAW also be provided to the Council."
47. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Maguire:**
"That Sligo County Council will review the public lighting along the R292 at Scarden adjacent to the Center for Excellence."
48. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Maguire:**
"Sligo County Council will provide a columbarium or an alternative for those wishing to have their loved ones cremated ashes interred in our cemeteries."
49. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Casserly:**
"That Sligo County Council call on the Department of Agriculture for an increased ANC Payment. It is my understanding that there could be a considerable underspend (possibly in excess of €100m) in the Rural Development Program (budget of €580m) which I am asking be now paid out to farmers in the form of a second Areas of Natural Constraint Payment (ANC). This money would go some way towards covering losses farmers are now experiencing through poor market prices and increased costs resulting from poor weather this summer/autumn and Brexit related issues."
50. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Kilgannon:**
"Sligo County Council calls on the Minister for Education to address the Government's failure to commit to the minor works grant scheme for Schools in this years Budget."
51. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor P. Taylor:**
"To ask Sligo County Council to take the necessary steps to bring the Lough Talt Water Supply Scheme to Gurteen Village and surrounding areas that are being serviced currently by Lough Gara via Roscommon water supply."

52. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor K. Henry:**
That the Council carry out repairs on the Rathnarrow Road, Ballinacarrow and if necessary include it in roads programme.
53. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Gormley:**
"To call on Sligo County Council to apply to the Rural Economic Development Section of the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs for funding to continue the Keash Hill walking Trail".
54. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree:**
"To ask the Chief Executive if he has received correspondence from SIPTU regarding the significant decrease in the Council's outdoor staff and to ask the Chief Executive what steps the Council executive has taken to address the matter."
55. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree:**
"That the Council be provided with a list of the meetings/events (excluding meetings in Sligo County Council premises) which the Chief Executive has attended in the period since January 1st 2016 to date, the list to include date and venue of meetings/events."
56. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree:**
"That the Council be provided with a breakdown of the contractors/consultants employed by the Council during the period 1st January 2015 to the 31st of December 2015, the work or works in lieu for which they were contracted and the amounts paid to those contractors."
57. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Lundy:**
"I will ask what plans the council have for no. 19 Connolly Park, Tubbercurry as this Council house is causing damp and damage to the privately owned no 20 Connolly Park, Tubbercurry."
58. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Lundy:**
"I will ask if smaller towns and villages in south Sligo can be included in the 2017 town and village Renewal Scheme."
59. **To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Lundy:**
"That this Council supports the farming community in County Sligo and rejects the recent comments made by former President, Mary Robinson, which were not helpful to cattle and sheep farmers."
60. Votes of Sympathy.
61. Votes of Congratulations.
62. Conferences/Training (*Copy attached and posted on Extranet*).
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. Resolution adopted by Members of Carlow County Council (and accompanying drawings) re. water and sewage lines in backyards and gardens,
 - b. Acknowledgement dated 6th October, 2016 from the Office of the Taoiseach (re. Council's resolution concerning restoration of Medical Cards),
 - c. Acknowledgement dated 5th October, 2016 from the Office of the Minister for Social Protection regarding opportunities for people getting back to work,
 - d. Letter dated 7th October, 2016 from Mr. Peter Hynes, Chief Executive of Mayo County Council re. road R294,
 - e. Letter dated 7th October, 2016 from Páraic Ó Dufaigh, Ard Stiúrthóir of the GAA concerning broadcasting contracts,

- f. Acknowledgement dated 7th October, 2016 from the Office of the Minister for Finance re. restoration of medical cards,
 - g. Acknowledgement from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine concerning resolution re. deadline for the spreading of slurry,
 - h. Copy of motion agreed by South Dublin County Council at their meeting on 26th September, 2016 re. neonics and global threat to Bees,
 - i. E-mail dated 13th October, 2016 from the Office of Minister Shane Ross re. Meeting request,
 - j. Acknowledgement from Minister Simon Harris, T. D. concerning resolution re. restoration of medical cards to all senior citizens over 70,
 - k. Letter dated 19th October, 2016 from Minister Shane Ross re. request for funding for feasibility study of disused railway line between Collooney and Bellaghy,
 - l. Letter dated 25th October, 2016 from Minister Simon Harris, T.D. concerning resolution re. restoration of medical cards to all senior citizens over 70,
 - m. Copy of resolution received from South Dublin County Council concerning the "need for sustainable funding for local Government and services", (*Copies posted on Extranet*).
65. Matters Arising from Minutes.
66. Any Other Business.