

6ú lá de Mean Fomhair, 2017.

Don Chathaoirleach agus gach Ball de Chomhairle Chontae Cheatharlocha

Tionólfar cruinniú na míosa de Chomhairle Chontae Cheatharloch do Mhí de Mean Fomhair i seomra An Chomhairle, Oifigí an Chontae, Ceatharloch, ar an **11ú lá de Mean Fomhair 2017** ag 2.00 i.n.

Pléfar na gnóthaí thíos luaite agus iarrtar ort bheith i láthair.

TO THE CATHAOIRLEACH AND EACH MEMBER OF CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The September monthly meeting of Carlow County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on **Monday, 11th September, 2017, at 2.00 p.m.**

The following business will be transacted and your attendance is requested.

A. Oakes
**Acting Senior Executive Officer/
Meetings Administrator**

Mr. John Paul Phelan, TD, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government, with special responsibility for Local Government & Electoral Reform, will attend the meeting and address the members at 2 pm

Agenda

1. Dearbhú Miontuairisc í/Confirmation of Minutes
 - (a) Approve Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday, 10th July, 2017, at 2.00 p.m.

2. Ciorcláin/Circulars
 - (a) Circular Letter PL 4/2017 Further extension of duration of planning permissions for certain developments of 20+ houses
 - (b) Circular PL 7/2017 Vacant Homes Action Plans

3. Gnó forordaithe do réir reachtaíochta, orduithe seasta, nó rúin an Chomhairle
Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Council
 - (a) Filling of vacancy on Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
 - (b) Filling of vacancy on Southern and Eastern Assembly
 - (c) To agree a date for a Special Meeting to consider the setting of a Local Adjustment Factor in accordance with the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended)
 - (d) To agree a date for the Statutory Budget Meeting 2017
 - (e) Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2016 Planning & Development Acts 2000 - 2013 Planning & Development regulations 2001 – 2013 Part VIII - Proposed Provision of Skateboard Park
 - (f) Taking in Charge of Housing Estates:-
 - (i) Loch Abhainn, Carlow Town
 - (ii) Ballydarton Mews, Fenagh
 - (iii) The Meadows, Myshall
 - (iv) Academy Court, Carlow Town
 - (v) Rathsillan (Phase 3) Tullow
 - (vi) Rathfeilin, Tullow
 - (g) Provision of footways and localised widening of Tullow Bridge Part VIII
 - (h) Carlow County Council Twinning and Diaspora Strategy (as circulated at Workshop of 10th July, 2017)
 - (i) To approve in accordance with Planning & Development Act 2000 As Amended – Section 211, Local Government Act, 2001 As Amended – Section 183 the disposal of 0.762 acres (0.307 ha) at Brownshill, to Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated.

- (j) To consider in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 – 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended) the Chief Executive’s Report extending the Carlow Town Environs Local Area Plan 2012-2018 as contained within the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018
- (k) For noting in accordance with Section 15(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) the Chief Executive’s Progress Report for the period 2015 – 2017 on the Carlow County Development Plan 2015-2021

4. Departmental Progress Reports

Tuarascálacha ar Dhul Chun Cinn na Roinne

- (a) Housing Progress Report
- (b) Emergency Services Progress Report

5. Corporate, Planning, Economic Development & Health & Safety

Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, Pleanáil, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Sláinte agus Sábháilteacht

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Health
- (c) Conference Attendance Approvals

6. Chief Executives Report

Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh

7. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence

8. Fógraí Rúin/Notices of Motion.

Standing in the name of Cllr. K. Murnane

Vulture Funds

“That the Council calls on the Minister for housing to require companies who purchased distressed property loans from Banks trading in Ireland, during the collapse of the banking system to establish and maintain a register of the properties to which the loans relate, on a county by county basis. Government Departments/Agencies and Local Authorities to be provided with access to this database to allow them access data on unfinished estates and other houses which could become available for acquisition.”

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Health Insurance

“During the recession, numerous persons in Ireland ceased their health insurance policies for economic reasons. Some of these people are now in a position to recommence private health insurance and the Council calls on the Minister for Health to require that Health Insurance providers do not apply a penalty to these persons, for example, by having a waiting period for cover or by excluding pre-existing condition.”

Standing in the name of Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue, Cllr. Fergal Browne, Cllr. Thomas Kinsella, Cllr. Michael Doran, Cllr. John Murphy and Cllr. Denis Foley

"That Carlow County Council, in recognition of the hundreds of jobs that were created in Carlow alone since its introduction, and its potential for the future of tourism in Carlow, requests the minister to retain the 9% vat rate for the hospitality sector"

Standing in the name of Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue, Cllr. Fergal Browne, Cllr. Thomas Kinsella, Cllr. Michael Doran, Cllr. John Murphy and Cllr. Denis Foley:

"That Carlow County Council, in an effort to progress the current housing situation, employ a person or persons, or appoint a member or members of staff, (whichever can be accomplished most imminently) to assess all vacant, derelict and unfinished houses/dwellings whether publicly or privately owned in county carlow and report to the local authority within three months, the potential cost, timeline and any potential hinderances or information in relation to bringing these properties up to specification, so as they may be fit for human habitation"

Standing in the name of Cllrs Jim Deane, Andy Gladney and John Cassin

“Acknowledging that there are 7,482 people with disabilities in county Carlow amounting to 14% of the population and at least 7,600 people with disabilities on social housing waiting lists of which 170 are in county Carlow.”

That the Chief Executive will within two months report to the Council, for their consideration, setting out:

1. The current situation in relation to matters which the Council has direct responsibility for
2. An estimation of the areas and the extent of unmet need relating to same
3. The areas where engagement of this Council with other public bodies would improve participation for people with disabilities and the names of those public bodies, and

4. The measures taken and planned by this Council to ensure the participation and engagement by people with disabilities and their representatives in local decision making structures and mechanisms, with a view to budgeting and planning for 2018 and beyond for the Council to advance implementation of the UN CRPD.”

Standing in the name of Cllr. W. Paton & Others

“Support for Publicly Funded Higher Education

This council supports publicly-funded higher education and rejects income contingent loan (ICL) schemes.

A publicly-funded higher education funding model has shown to be more beneficial to the student, state and society on economic, social, public and private benefits.

Recognising the benefits, culturally and economically, of the historic decision to invest in publicly funded secondary education in Ireland is also recognising that the introduction of publicly funded third level education would further encourage a generation of young people to attain the highest levels of education.

Further recognising that a number of contributing factors have led to a significant gap in funding for the third level sector and that, while this shortfall must be addressed, it cannot be at the expense of those most vulnerable in our society.

In terms of ‘equity, fairness and justice’ Option One of the Cassells report, the publicly funded option, provides this.

The degree of uncertainty with Option Three, income contingent loan schemes, is outlined clearly that not all loans would be repaid in full and the issue of increasing rates to recoup losses on those who have debt. Historically, Ireland should not use debt as a means of funding. To add to this uncertainty, the Cassells report fails to address the impact of emigration that will occur due to competition for high earning careers. This will have an economic effect on labour and domestic markets (an issue raised by foreign investors) and reduce the public benefits from taxation and spending here in Ireland.”

With high emigration rates for graduates, the risk of a loss of €14,058 per annum causes concern. An ICL funding option that would take 17 years to ‘hopefully’ become self-financing while deterring people from higher education is dangerous. Using debt to fund higher education instead of state funding is not accessible.

Where reliance on a system that does not exist to ensure funding could then be shared between countries in a similar manner to international taxation treaties is used as a ‘hopeful’ solution engagement with students and learning outcomes a publicly-funded system allows students to fully immerse themselves into their studies, and to educate themselves without

concern. The current system and an ICL model would, as shown in Australia, UK, Canada and the US, reduces engagement and learning outcomes due to effects on health and working to decrease the burden of graduate debt.

This Council calls on the Government to affirm its commitment to providing equality of access to education for all; to reject any move to implement an income contingent loan scheme to fund third level education; and to adopt a policy of ending college fees and implementing a truly publicly funded higher education system in Ireland.”

Standing in the Name of Cllr. Arthur McDonald

“That Carlow County Council provide funding in the 2018 Budget for a school warden for Ballinabranna National School as the school has over 200 children.”

9. Aon gnó eile le haontú an Chathaoirligh.
Any other business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.