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28th February, 2017

TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH AND EACH MEMBER OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

The Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council will be held:

ON: Monday, 6th March, 2017

AT: 10.00 a.m.

IN: Council Chamber, County Hall, Riverside, Sligo

You are requested to attend.

Kevin Colreavy

K. Colreavy
Administrative Officer

CLÁR

1. To confirm Minutes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 3rd November, 2016
(*Copy attached and posted on Extranet*).
2. To confirm Minutes of Procedures Committee Meeting held on 25th October, 2016
(*Copy attached and posted on Extranet*).
3. To confirm Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 6th February, 2017
(*Copy attached and posted on Extranet*).
4. To confirm Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Municipal District held on 19th December, 2016
(*Copy attached and posted on Extranet*).
5. Co-option of Member to vacant seat arising from the resignation of Councillor Sean MacManus.
6. To appoint a Member to fill the casual vacancy on the Assessment Panel for the Contributions to the Arts Scheme arising from the resignation of Councillor Sean MacManus.

7. To appoint a Member to fill the casual vacancy on S.P.C. 3 (Planning, Community and Economic Development, Arts and Culture) arising from the resignation of Councillor Sean MacManus.
8. To appoint a Member to fill the casual vacancy on the Local Community Development Committee (L.C.D.C.) arising from the resignation of Councillor Sean MacManus.
9. To appoint a Member to fill the casual vacancy on Cranmore Regeneration Sub-Committee arising from the resignation of Councillor Sean MacManus.
10. To appoint a Member to fill the casual vacancy on Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum for the North West Region arising from the resignation of Councillor Sean MacManus.
11. To appoint a Member to fill the casual vacancy on Sligo County Council's Procedures Committee arising from the resignation of Councillor Sean MacManus.
12. To appoint a Member to fill the casual vacancy on the Joint Policing Committee arising from the resignation of Councillor Sean MacManus.
13. To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 the disposal of property at Grange Beg, Skreen, Co. Sligo to John Kilgallen (*Previously circulated*).
14. To approve in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, and Regulations thereunder, provision of assistance to Focus Housing Association Ltd, in the form of Capital Assistance Scheme in the value of €68,932 for the purchase of a dwelling at No. 408 Millbrook, Riverside, Sligo and €81,490 for the purchase of dwelling at No.1 Abbey House, Abbey Street, Sligo (*Previously circulated*).
15. To approve in accordance with Section 183 of Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of Dwelling House at No. 14 Parklands, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo to Mr. Noel Kelleher (*Previously circulated*).
16. That Sligo County Council, being satisfied of their general public utility, declares the Roads named below to be Public Roads in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993."

Road Number

Location and Terminal Points

L-82095-0

Road situate in the housing developments known as "The Parklands", Tubbercurry and "The Parklands Crescent", Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo.

17. To consider report in relation to commencing the process of taking in charge the estate known as "Castlegrove", Ballymote, Co. Sligo (*Previously circulated*).
18. Presentation by Dr. Brendan McCormack, President of I.T. Sligo.

19. To consider and approve the Schedule of Ballymote/Tobercurry Municipal District Works for 2017 for Roads, Transportation and Infrastructure and the Schedule of the Sligo Municipal District Works for 2017 for Roads, Transportation and Infrastructure (see attached a separate report for each Municipal District and associated maps).
20. Update by Mr. Declan Lavelle, Head of Valuation Services on Rates Revaluation; proposed valuation certificate notifications 2017.
21. To note the 2016 Revenue Account Outturn (*Copy attached and posted on extranet*).
22. To note Community and Voluntary Grants Scheme 2017 (*Report attached and posted on Extranet*).
23. To set a date for a Special Meeting to consider the Second Chief Executive's Report on submissions received on the Draft County Sligo Development Plan 2017-2023.
24. To note Brexit and the 'Border Corridor': Initial analysis of the risks and opportunities (*Report attached and posted on extranet*).
25. To note proposed submission on National Planning Framework.
26. To note the Monthly Management Report for January 2017 (*Previously circulated and posted on Extranet*).

DEFERRED MOTIONS

27. 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".

28. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Clarke:

"To call on Sligo County Council to consider the difficulties that rural communities are experiencing with regard to developing of housing in rural areas as has been outlined in a letter to Director Of Services and to ensure that the County Development Plan addresses those issues."

29. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. MacSharry:

"That Sligo County Council assess the need for traffic calming measures including signage at the Lungy, Sligo".

30. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Kilgannon:

"Sligo County Council calls on Government to move to implement a series of recommendations to tackle spiralling motor insurance premiums that have risen by a

minimum of 51% since January 2011.”

31. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Mulvey:

“To ask Sligo County Council to seek funding for a pedestrian crossing in Wine Street Sligo town as I have been contacted by business people in Sligo in relation to the adding of a safe crossing location in Wine Street. Businesses in this area feel its absence is impacting negatively on trading in this location.

There also appears to be a lack of clear road markings at the main junction to Tesco car-park and this is a safety issue also for pedestrians.”

32. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree:

“That Sligo County Council supports the proposal to construct a light railway network linking Northern Ireland with Sligo and Donegal; and further the Council agrees to host a meeting of representatives of the relevant local authorities to consider ways to advance the project.”

33. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. Healy:

“To call on Sligo County Council to put traffic calming measures in place on the Barrack road and the Knockbeg road to address the concerns of residents in Collooney regarding speeding.”

34. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Casserly:

“Sligo County Council calls on the state Legal Aid Board to end the unjust system whereby victims of domestic violence are subjected to financial obligations when seeking justice.”

35. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. Healy:

"That Sligo County Council writes to the Minister of State for Education and Skills outlining the concerns of members in relation to the operation of the nearest school rule for the purposes of school transport and the effect on children here in Sligo."

36. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Kilgannon:

“To request Sligo County Council Roads Department, in the interest of Health and Safety, to construct traffic calming on the N59 Road on the approach to the roundabout on the old N4 road at Ballysadare bridge.”

37. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Lundy:

“In the interest of business and economic development in County Sligo, I will ask what is the Council’s/National Roads Authority (T.I.I.) Policy on business advertising signs already erected along the National Primary road, the N17”.

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

“That the Council be provided with a comprehensive report on the 111 properties

offered to the Council by NAMA, including details as to when the properties were offered, the location of the properties, details of correspondence between the Council and NAMA and an explanation as to why only 4 of the properties have been leased by the Council.”

39. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Maguire:

“That this Council write to the Minister for Health advocating that we adopt an organ opt out system similar to that recently introduced in France.”

40. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Maguire:

“That Sligo County Council will conduct a survey of the roundabout at Strandhill to establish a safer crossing system for pedestrians.”

41. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree:

“That the Council be provided with a progress report on the proposed Rosses Point Pier and Pontoon project particularly with regard to the application for grant aid to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.”

42. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Gormley:

“That the Director of Services contacts the Council’s Solicitor requesting that he give priority to the transfer of the lands to Holy Family N.S Tubbercurry to allow progress be made on the much needed set down area and parking facilities”.

43. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Lundy:

“To ask for a report on (a) the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017 and (b) the Revitalising Rural Ireland Scheme”.

44. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Baker:

“Calling on the H.S.E. to instigate an immediate review of the Community Occupational Therapy services in the north west region. The current inexcusable delays being experienced by frail elderly patients in the community setting is truly shocking and leading to an extra burden on the hospital sector due to unnecessary admissions and attendances at Emergency Rooms”.

MOTIONS

45. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. MacSharry:

“That Sligo County Council call on the Government, in the fight against alcohol abuse in Society, to provide extra funding for Detox Units, support group Hostels, together with counselling and addiction services for aftercare treatment of people addicted to alcohol”.

46. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Mulvey:

“I call on Sligo County Council to work with the Development Committee from Coolaney

Mullinabreena G.A.A. Club with regards to their concerns on safety on the N17 stretch of road adjoining the Community Park.

There is a substantial grade difference of up to 1.5m between the level of the Main N17 road and the level of the grounds at Nace O'Dowd Community Park, Achonry immediately behind the roadside. The unsecure condition of the boundary is an issue the club is currently trying to address. However, due to the very narrow road width at this location, the lack of hard shoulder and/or verge on the road and the 1.5m drop referred to above, the club has serious concerns for the safety of its members young and old and indeed any member of the public who use or visits the Community Park.

The club recently embarked on redevelopment of the main playing pitch and plans to complete associated works to the parking area and sand training areas in Spring 2017. In particular, the sand training area is bound by the N17 to the north and the pitch to the south. It is this location which is the primary concern. The recent improvement works have brought into sharp focus the serious Health and Safety Risk at this location.

The N17 is now the country's busiest single-carriageway inter-urban road with over 25,000 vehicles using the road daily at its busiest. The stretch between Tubbercurry and Ballinacarrow is recognised as one of the narrowest and most treacherous along the route. In light of numerous serious incidents over the years on this road at the park, we are urgently seeking to implement appropriate safety measures to the benefit of all.

Nace O'Dowd Park is constrained between the N17 to the north boundary and the proposed corridor of the new route to the south boundary. In response to the ambition of, and the growing numbers of players and members in the club, we have carried out improvement works in 2016. The park's configuration dictates that we maintain the car parking and the sand training areas in the only available space adjacent to the N17. It is imperative that we ensure the safety of the many individuals of the clubs, schools and community groups that use this busy and popular facility on a regular basis. It is hoped that this Safety concern can be accessed."

47. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor K. Henry:

"What is the average waiting time for payments to be made to landlords under the HAP scheme after tenants have been approved for accommodation and agreements made with landlords? How do the Council intend to reduce this time so that tenancy arrangements are not put at risk?"

48. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Casserly:

"That Sligo County Council call on the Minister for Health to start the process of collaboration with the Northern Ireland Health Ministry that there be one all Ireland body for organ donation / transplant. This would provide a much more efficient service where compatibility within the island of Ireland might ensure greater match and operative success. This would benefit all patients awaiting transplant on the Island. Can I request that this motion also be shared with all other Local Authorities in Ireland."

49. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Casserly:

"That the housing department dedicate Gateway or other staff to the painting and maintenance of the small Carrigans housing estate Maugherow."

50. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor K. Henry:

“That Sligo County Council calls on the Minister for Agriculture to confine the ANC payment to similar parameters as contained in the old Disadvantaged Area Scheme to ensure that farmers in this region are adequately supported”.

51. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Kilgannon:

“Revenue collected a record €47.9 Billion for the exchequer in 2016, an increase of €2.3 Billion on 2015, I now request Sligo County Council to write to the Department of Transport requesting information on when funding will be made available to Local Authorities for Class 3 Roads and also for Local Improvement Schemes”.

52. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Kilgannon:

“Sligo County Council calls on the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to introduce an Empty Property Grant Scheme to encourage owners to lease properties to Approved Housing Bodies or rent directly to tenants nominated by Local Authorities on long term leases. In return AHB's and Local Authorities would refinance the full or partial costs of refurbishment”.

53. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Queenan:

“Call on Minister for Agriculture to ensure Veterinary lab is retained in Sligo”.

54. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor S. Kilgannon:

“To ask Sligo County Council Roads section what plans, if any, they have to improve the Lough Gill Loop Road No. L7428. Improvement works are necessary for health and safety due to increased student numbers at St. Angela's College and for all road users.”

55. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Lundy:

“I will ask Sligo County Council and T.I.I. to put measures in place to reduce the speed of traffic on the Circular Road, Tubbercurry (N17), in the interest of road safety, and to help reduce the risk of accidents to Motorists and Pedestrians alike”.

56. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree:

“Noting that Tesco Ireland has been attempting to cut pay and conditions for their longest serving staff by up to 20%: and noting that Tesco is the most profitable retailer in Ireland with estimated profits of more than €250 million annually; this Council acknowledges the intervention of the Labour Court in the most recent industrial dispute; and further this Council calls on Tesco management to respect the rights of long serving Tesco workers to maintain their existing terms and conditions of work.”

57. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Mulvey:

“To ask Sligo County Council for an update on the footbridge that was part of the original planning permission granted connecting the new housing development at Gort na si & Fort Haven on Rockfield road with the the new Mill Centre Development at the

top of Coolaney.

2=An update for the residents of the Mill Centre Coolaney on the taking in charge of this development.”

58. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. Healy:

“That Sligo County Council calls on the Minister for Health to urgently provide adequate resources to the CAMHs and Autism services in order to provide an appropriate service and ensure compliance with national policy.”

59. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Gormley:

“Due to the difficulties experienced by residents and road users using Road 482k resulting from the narrow width of the bridge(Knocknagore Bridge) which is only 8 foot wide I am calling on the council to draw up proposals to have a new entrance constructed and apply for the necessary funding”.

60. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Clarke:

“To call on Sligo County Council to discuss and outline its response to "Ireland 2040 Our Plan" as Derry and Galway have been identified as growth hubs.”

61. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Clarke:

“To call on Sligo County Council to apply for funding to extend Pullaheany Pier and to carry out repairs on Pulladivva Pier”.

62. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Clarke:

“To call on Sligo County Council to make an application to the Department for further funds for county roads given that there is a 38% reduction in funding this year, as only 1% of county roads will see improvements this year, and that this council prepares a report on the independent assessment carried out with Maps attached.”

63. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Mulvey:

“To call on Sligo County Council to replace the existing old Footpath along Regional and very busy road R293 at Stonepark Ballymote. This old existing footpath has worn away and the kerbing is broken and submerged down into the ground. This path is now no longer above road level and is dangerous for pedestrians who walk into the Community Sports facility and Ballymote Town. I want to compliment Sligo County Council on the work that has been carried out on the new footpath out to the Factory units at Ballybrennan, Ballymote and hope that this can be replicated on R293.”

64. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. Healy:

“To call on Sligo County Council for an update report on the unfinished estates in Ballygawley known as ‘The Fairways’ and the Mill apartment in Ballisodare”.

65. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor R. O’Grady:

“That this Council seek funding for the upgrading of the road surface and road markings at Rosehill.”

66. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor R. O’Grady:

“That Sligo Co Council ensures that all road and footpath surfaces are returned to a proper standard by all contractors.”

67. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor R. O’Grady:

“That this Council call on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris to support and fund Community based rehabilitation services for people with brain injury”.

68. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Lundy:

“To ask for a report on how the new ‘Repair and leasing Scheme for vacant houses’ will be carried out and if this Scheme will include vacant houses in rural areas of South Sligo”.

69. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Gormley:

“Following on from my motion of November 2016 calling on Eir to upgrade the cabinet at the rear of the community centre in Bunninadden as there is fibre broadband cable passing through the village what is the response from Eir on this matter?”

70. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree:

“That the Council be provided with an up to date report relating to the completion of works and the taking in charge of Dorrins Strand Housing estate, Strandhill.”

71. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor P. Taylor and Councillor M. Baker:

“A - To ask the Director of Services for an update on the positions of acting outdoor staff if there are retirements in acting positions .

B - To ask for an update on the contracts for the additional outdoor staff .”

72. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor P. Taylor:

“To note the great work being done by South Sligo Tourism to promote tourism in South and West Sligo. I would ask that this Council support the activities of this group in the future.”

73. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor P. Taylor:

“To ask Sligo County Council to address the current danger at the Southern Junction off the N17 leading to Curry Village due to the concerns of the many people in the area.”

74. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Baker:

“A) To ask Sligo County Council to put cameras in place at Rusheen Riverstown to stop dumping taking place and B) To put cameras in place at Drumfin and fix fence to stop dumping.”

75. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Casserly:

“That Sligo County Council supports the Independent Alliance’s, ‘Keeping People in their Homes Bill 2017’ which has been introduced to the Dail and aims to provide protection to home owners facing repossession and gives clarity to Irish courts on examining the proportionality of granting or executing repossession orders on people’s homes.”

76. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor D. Bree:

“To ask what plans the Roads Department has to carry out improvements on the L7428 Lough Gill Loop Road and to ask what proposals there are to reduce the speed limit on the road.”

77. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Gormley:

“To ask the Director of Services what drainage works are proposed for 2017 on the Owenmore river and its tributaries, also has this council applied for funding to the OPW under the Minor Works Scheme?”

78. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor T. Healy:

“That Sligo County Council support the call from the Irish Natura and Hill farmers Association over its concerns regarding the current review of the Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) Scheme which is due to come into effect in 2018 when it replaces the old Disadvantaged areas scheme. The new areas must have the qualifying bio physical criteria in order to receive financial support under the measure to compensate farmers for some or all of the income forgone and associated costs with farming systems in those areas. The Irish Natura and Hill Farmers its position that all payments under the scheme are targeted at the lands with the biophysical criteria required for inclusion in the scheme and that within it the levels of support reflect the degree of natural handicap experienced.”

79. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor J. Lundy:

“To ask the Council to erect 2 no. “Slow down – Children crossing” signs on Road no. 414 at Curraghahunnaun, Curry on the main Banada to Bellaghy road, in the interest of safety, for children crossing this very busy road to get on the School bus, both morning and evening”.

80. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor G. O’Boyle:

“Can Sligo County Council engage with the residents’ group in Cartron who are aiming to develop play facilities within the estate? Potential funding is available but subject to the Residents’ Group holding an interest in the site of the play facilities. It seems the original developer holds a head lease on some areas of the estate, including the site of the proposed play facilities.”

- 81. To consider the following motion as submitted by Councillor M. Baker:**
- “To ask Irish Water for a report on Housing Estate in Geevagh – Bruach na Feoraise – regarding problems with fumes from the treatment system”.
- 82.** Votes of Sympathy.
- 83.** Votes of Congratulations.
- 84.** Conferences/Training (*Copy attached and posted on Extranet*).
- 85.** To note the summary of proceedings of conferences attended in accordance with Section 142(5) (f) of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- 86. Correspondence:**
- a) Letter dated 30th January, 2017 from the Office of the Minister for Finance regarding interest rates charged by Money Lenders,
 - b) Letter dated 31st January, 2017 from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality regarding the Direct Provision system,
 - c) Letter dated 31st January, 2017 from the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation regarding an all-island industrial promotion agency,
 - d) Copy of resolution from Donegal County Council concerning the Irish Coast Guard,
 - e) Letter of acknowledgement dated 9th February, 2017 from Minister for Health, Simon Harris, T.D. to Deputy Tony McLoughlin re. cardiac catheterisation laboratory for Sligo University Hospital,
 - f) Acknowledgement dated 16th February, 2017 from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine re. Regional Veterinary Laboratory at Dunally,
 - g) Acknowledgement dated 15th February, 2017 from the Office of the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation re. resolution concerning new jobs in County Sligo,
 - h) Letter from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government concerning resolution in relation to commercial rates,
 - i) Copy of resolution received from Tipperary County Council re. Bus Éireann.
 - j) Letter dated 24th February, 2017 from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine re. resolution concerning D.A.F.M. laboratory in Dunally.
- 87.** Matters Arising from Minutes.
- 88.** Any Other Business.