

NOVEMBER 2009

AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE

1. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 19th OCTOBER 2009** ✓

(Enclosed/Iniata)

2. **MINUTES – For Information**

- a. Corporate Policy Group 09/10/08
- b. Dundalk Carlingford/ Dundalk South Area Committee 12/10/09
- c. Drogheda East & West Area Committee 05/10/09 ✓

3. **TO FIX DATES FOR**

- a) Annual Budget Meeting
- b) Special Meeting to adopt Dundalk & Environs Development Plan ✓

4. **TO AGREE DATE FOR DECEMBER MEETING**

5. **FOR APPROVAL - REPORT PREPARED UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED PLAYGROUND AT BLACKROCK PARK** ✓

(Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Housing & Corporate Services

6. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MANAGER'S REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS / OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLANS 2009 – 2015 AND THE MAKING OF THE NEW COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009 - 2015.** ✓

(Copy of Manager's report enclosed as separate document)

To be dealt with by Mr. G. Duffy, Senior Planner

7. **PRESENTATION FROM LOUTH ECONOMIC FORUM – Speaker Mr. P. White, Chairman** ✓

8. **NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO THE CROSS BORDER EXECUTIVE TRAINING PILOT PROGRAMME – ICLRD** ✓

9. **NOMINATION FOR EXTERNAL MEMBERSHIP OF AUDIT COMMITTEE** ✓

COMHAIRLE CONTAE LÚ

To be dealt with by Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Housing & Corporate Services

10. **ROADS PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Ms. J. Martin, Director of Services, Transportation

11. **PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Ms. J. Martin, Director of Services, Transportation

12. **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

(Enclosed/Iniata)

To be dealt with by Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Housing & Corporate Services

13. **CONFERENCES**

To approve members' attendance at the following conferences:-

October

1. Challenged Local Authorities, Promoting Community Development, Esperanza Enterprises, 16th – 18th October 2009 – **Cllr. A. Donohoe.**
2. The Dublin Web Summit, MiCandidate, Berkley Court Hotel, Dublin, 30th October 2009 – **Cllr. J. Carroll.**

November

1. LAMA Winter Seminar, Limerick County Council, Dublin Road, Limerick, 6th & 7th November 2009 – **Cllrs. O. Tully, T. Brennan.**
2. Who is in Charge? Towards a Leadership of Service, The Ceifin Centre, Ennis, 3rd & 4th November 2009 – **Cllr. T. Brennan.**
3. Planning & Environment, Esperanza Enterprises, Galway City, 20th – 22nd November 2009 – **Cllr. J. D'Arcy.**

14. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS**

From Cllr. P. Bell

Can this council inform the elected members if Euro Construction the developers of Glean Alainn estate in Tullyallen have been reimbursed a portion of their bond and if so can this council give a detailed response to the reason why such a concession was made to a developer who has failed to honour his obligations under the terms of his planning permission?

Reply

An application was made by the company for release of the bond relating to the estate in late 2009. The deposit of cash bonds may be required as a condition of planning permission "as security to ensure the satisfactory completion of the development and all services associated therewith" The purpose of the bond is to ensure that the Council has funding available should the developer fail to complete works in the estate such as roads, footpaths, water services, etc. where the Council might have to step in if all attempts to get the developer to complete the work failed e.g. if company was gone into liquidation.

In this particular case, all the relevant sections reviewed the compliance of the estate with planning conditions and on foot of this most of the bond was released with amounts retained to cover some specific outstanding water services requirements and to cover the cost of laying the final surface on the roads.

Correspondence has continued with the developer and his agents to clear the snag list for the estate, in particular in relation to the water services issues. This work must be completed before the final wearing course is laid. The Planning Enforcement Section has also been in correspondence with the developer and we have indicated on 20 October that our next step will be to issue an Enforcement Notice which would require specified works to be completed within 90 days. Further steps will be taken under planning enforcement legislation as required over the coming months to ensure full compliance with the outstanding issues.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

From Cllr. T. Sharkey

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Environment, Heritage, & Local Government to reject the undemocratic proposals contained in the McCarthy Report to interfere with the existing structure of Local Authorities. Such proposals are contrary to Article 28a of Bunreacht na Eireann and the principle of subsidiary, as espoused in the EU charter of Local Self Government."

Reply

This is a matter for the members

From Cllr. J. Carroll

"To call on the Minister for Education and Science to reform the application criteria for higher education grants for mature students so that they will be assessed on the basis of the mature student's income rather than on the income of their parents and irrespective of where they are domiciled. Furthermore, when a mature student moves out of home throughout their course, the fact that they are still assessed on their initial first year status needs to be changed."

Reply

This is a matter for the members

From Cllr P. Bell

"That this Council immediately takes in charge the Glean Alainn estate in Tullyallen and that the remaining funds of the developers bond be drawn down by the Louth County in order to assist in the completion works".

Reply

I refer members to the reply given to the Question below on the same matter. The estate will not be taken in charge by the Council until the various outstanding works, including laying of final wearing course on the roads, is completed.

16. NOTICES OF MOTIONS FROM OTHER COUNCILS

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| ▪ Sth Tipperary County Council | - | 15/10/09 |
| ▪ Monaghan Town Council | - | 23/10/09 |
| ▪ Listowel Town Council | - | 20/10/09 |
| ▪ Kildare County Council | - | 15/10/09 |
| ▪ Waterford City Council | - | 22/10/09 |

17. COUNTY MANAGER'S REGISTER

The County Manager will submit his Order Register to-date.