



Louth County Council Comhairle Chontae Lú

April 2015 County Council Meeting

Date: 20/04/2015 10:00

Meeting Location: Council Chamber

The next meeting of Louth County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 20th April 2015 at 10.00 a.m. to consider the undermentioned items

Minutes

Minutes	Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly	Item ID: 886
	Date Submitted: 01/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 23rd March 2015	
Minutes	Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly	Item ID: 887
	Date Submitted: 01/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	Minutes for Information:-	
	Borough District of Drogheda 02/3/2015	
	CPG 13/3/2015	
	Economic Development and Enterprise Support SPC 15/12/14	
	Housing, Community Planning and Emergency Services 19/1/2015	
	Infrastructure, European and Cross Border Affairs SPC 19/2/2015	
	Municipal District of Ardee 05/3/2015	
	Municipal District of Dundalk 03/03/2015	
	Planning and Environment SPC 09/12/2014	

Reports

Reports	Submitted By: Ann Keelan	Item ID: 888
	Date Submitted: 01/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	Corporate Policy Group Meeting Chairmans Report 10th April	
	Housing, Community Planning & Emergency Services SPC Chairmans Report 23rd March	
Reports	Submitted By: Joan Martin	Item ID: 889
	Date Submitted: 01/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	Monthly Management Reports - March 2015	

Items

Items	Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly	Item ID: 914
	Date Submitted: 15/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	Ardee & Dunleer Local Area Plan	
	To agree by resolution as provided for in Section 19 (1) (d) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended : To extend the life of the Ardee & Dunleer Local Area Plan for a further five years to 2020. This course of action is recommended by the Chief Executive. It should be noted that such a decision will not prevent a future amendment or variation of the existing plan at any time if required.	

Reports

Reports	Submitted By: Joe McGuinness	Item ID: 890
	Date Submitted: 01/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2014	

Items

Items	Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly	Item ID: 913
	Date Submitted: 10/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	2015 Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad	

Issues

Issues	Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly	Item ID: 891
	Date Submitted: 01/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	Presentation to Members - LGBT Group	

Reports

Reports	Submitted By: Joe McGuinness	Item ID: 892
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	Housing Monthly Progress Report	
Reports	Submitted By: Mary T Daly	Item ID: 893
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	Planning & Environmental Progress Reports	

Items

Items	Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly	Item ID: 894
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	Allocation of Members Community Grants - March 2015	

Conference/Event

Conference/Event	Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly	Item ID: 895
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	To approve members attendance at the attached conferences endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 10th April 2015	

Questions

Questions	Submitted By: Frank Godfrey	Item ID: 896
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	How many people in County Louth are using the Library Services, how many books have been borrowed, how many books have been ordered and purchased by the library and how many people use the internet services provided?	
Questions	Submitted By: Tomás Sharkey	Item ID: 897
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	What premises in County Louth, be it land, buildings or facilities are being leased to organisations or individuals? I am seeking a list of all the properties, the leasee of each, start date and duration of each lease and the annual amount of rent payable? Have any of these leases lapsed?"	
Questions	Submitted By: Kenneth Flood	Item ID: 898
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	Did the chairperson of Louth County Council travel to New York in March and has he submitted a report on activities undertaken and cost involved and did the trip include any members of council staff and if so can we be furnished with report and total cost of same?	

Motions

Motions	Submitted By: Kevin Callan	Item ID: 899
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	That Louth County Council proactively uses the crests of the towns of Drogheda, Ardee and Dundalk in all borough and municipal district documentation and publications, town entry signage and in all public buildings as fits the area involved. That such an approach to displaying the crest of each town is taken in conjunction with the county crest but the continued use of town crests preserves the identities of our municipal and borough areas as was the case prior to the coming into effect of the Local government Reform Act 2014.	
Motions	Submitted By: Kevin Callan	Item ID: 900
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	That this Council undertake a study to examine the possibility of using buildings such as the Tholsel in Drogheda and the Castle in Ardee as venues for civil marriage ceremonies. That such a policy would permit the use of buildings for civil and civic events on an ongoing basis for those residing in the County who would desire to hold such an event in landmark buildings of historic importance.	
Motions	Submitted By: John McGahon	Item ID: 901
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	"That Louth County Council support the upcoming referendum on marriage equality"	
Motions	Submitted By: Declan Breathnach	Item ID: 902
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	"That Louth County Council seek the commitment of The minister for Environment to reintroduce the Local Improvement Scheme or to allow existing LIS roads participate in the Community Initiative Scheme of which they are currently excluded "	
Motions	Submitted By: Alan Cassidy	Item ID: 903
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
	That Louth County Council take a proactive approach to secure funding for a Pontoon in Drogheda , considering planing permission has been approved and the clock is now ticking. Therefore I am asking this council to write to The East Border Region forum to explore any available/ or upcoming funding.	
Motions	Submitted By: Declan Breathnach	Item ID: 904
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:

That a full presentation be given by Management and Broadband providers to this Council for the future for broadband both by speed and location and inform realistically what all our communities both Urban and Rural can expect in the areas in which they reside

Motions	Submitted By: Marianne Bulter, Mark Dearey	Item ID: 905
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	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
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That this council supports the road traffic (amendment) bill 2015, lowering speed limits in residential areas to 20km per hour, in order to encourage compliance with these lower speed limits that the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport provide the necessary funding to provide residential areas with table ramps and other measures to ensure drivers reduce their speeds in these areas.

Motions	Submitted By: Conor Keelan	Item ID: 906
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	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
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In recognition of the 100th anniversary of Cumann na mBan last year and a cross-party Seanad motion calling for appropriate recognition that this Council commit to designate an un-named piece of infrastructure in the county after Cumann na mBan and that once adopted the Cross-Party 1916 Steering Committee in Louth will make the recommendation.

Motions	Submitted By: Conor Keelan	Item ID: 907
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	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
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Due to the success and commitment of Cork City Council and Waterford City and County Councils in developing the Tramore Valley and Kilbarry Bog landfills into public amenity that this Council commit to developing the former landfill site on the Newry Road, Dundalk in a similar fashion encompassing the following points;

1. That this Council develop a strategic policy and vision for the transformation of the former landfill site into public amenity and that this features in the forthcoming Local Area Plan for Dundalk.
2. That this Council reaffirm a commitment previously given at the now abolished Dundalk Town Council that once developed priority on the site should be given to playing pitches (1 for each code) and a public park in recognition of the historic absence of such social infrastructure on the Northern end of Dundalk.
3. That the Council liaise with relevant officials from Cork and Waterford local authorities and that appropriate presentations are invited in due course.
4. Recognising the Council's present financial position that EU and national grant aid is to be sought for the project.

Motions	Submitted By: Pio Smith	Item ID: 908
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	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
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"That Louth County Council supports the following :

1. Supports the introduction of a Living Wage to all directly engaged, contracted and sub-contracted staff.
2. Will adopt a policy of supporting the Living Wage in procurement on a case by case basis.
3. Will seek accreditation as a Living Wage employer through the Living Wage Foundation.
4. Will ensure the terms of implementation of a Living Wage are negotiated through the recognised trade unions.
5. Notes the Governments commitment to establishing a living wage forum which will include the Trade Unions, Civil Society and Employer Organisations."

Motions	Submitted By: Tommy Byrne	Item ID: 909
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	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
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That Louth County Council, calls on the Minister for Finance Mr. Michael Noonan TD, to give a commitment prior to the Government Summer Recess, to expand the Valuation Bands from € 0 - 100,000 to € 150,000 and so on, to prevent a Local Property Tax bombshell in 2016."

Motions	Submitted By: Pio Smith	Item ID: 912
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	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
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This Council supports the workers in Dunnes Stores who are seeking The implementation of banded hour contracts which would give workers security of hours and earnings. A review of excessive use of temporary contracts of employment. Individual and collective representational rights for Dunnes workers.

This Council welcomes the commitment to legislate for an improved framework for workers who seek to better their terms and conditions where collective bargaining is not recognised by their employer.

Further this council welcomes Government commitment to legislate so that workers can have confidence that they have an effective system that protects and promotes their rights. This legislation ensures they can advance claims about remuneration, terms and conditions and have these determined based on comparisons with similar companies – and not be victimised for doing so."

Correspondence

Correspondence	Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly	Item ID: 910
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Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
Iarnrod Eireann 31st March 2015 Department of Health 30th March 2015	

Items

Items	Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly	Item ID: 911
	Date Submitted: 08/04/2015 00:00:00	Owners:
Chief Executives Order Register		
The Chief Executive will submit the Order Register to date		