



# Louth County Council Comhairle Chontae Lú

## February 2015 County Council Meeting

Date: 16/02/2015 10:00

Meeting Location: Baltray Golf Club

The next meeting of Louth County Council will be held in the BALTRAY GOLF CLUB on Monday 16th February 2015 at 10.00 a.m. to consider the undermentioned items.

### Minutes

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| Minutes | <b>Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly</b>   | <b>Item ID: 757</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 29/01/2015 00:00:00</b>  | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|         | Minutes of January Monthly Meeting held on 19th January 2015  |                     |
| Minutes | <b>Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly</b>   | <b>Item ID: 758</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 29/01/2015 00:00:00</b>  | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|         | Minutes for Information   |                     |
|         | CPG 09/01/15<br>Borough District of Drogheda 12/01/15<br>Municipal District of Ardee 15/01/15<br>Municipal District of Dundalk 13/01/15<br>SPC - Housing 01/12/14 |                     |

### Reports

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| Reports | <b>Submitted By: Imelda Munster, Oliver Tully</b>       | <b>Item ID: 759</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 29/01/2015 00:00:00</b>              | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|         | Corporate Policy Group Meeting Report 6th February 2015 |                     |
|         | Housing SPC Meeting Report 19th January 2015            |                     |
| Reports | <b>Submitted By: Joan Martin</b>                        | <b>Item ID: 760</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 29/01/2015 00:00:00</b>              | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|         | Monthly Management Reports - January 2015               |                     |

### Section 183 Notice

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| Section 183 Notice | <b>Submitted By: Joe McGuinness</b>   | <b>Item ID: 761</b> |
|                    | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b>  | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|                    | Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Land   |                     |
|                    | Proposed disposal of premises at No. 2 Slieve Roe Crescent, Muirhevnamor, Dundalk |                     |
| Section 183 Notice | <b>Submitted By: Frank Pentony</b>  | <b>Item ID: 787</b> |
|                    | <b>Date Submitted: 09/02/2015 00:00:00</b>  | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|                    | Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Land   |                     |
|                    | Disposal of Land at Muirhevnamor District Park                                    |                     |

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| Reports | <b>Submitted By: Bernie Woods</b>                                 | <b>Item ID: 782</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 03/02/2015 00:00:00</b>                        | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|         | Approval of Over-expenditure for Dundalk Joint Burial Board 2013  |                     |
| Reports | <b>Submitted By: Bernie Woods</b>                                 | <b>Item ID: 783</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 03/02/2015 00:00:00</b>                        | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|         | Dundalk Unaudited AFS 2013 - Approval of under / over expenditure |                     |
|         | (Note 17. Over/Under Expenditure Page 22 AFS)                     |                     |
| Reports | <b>Submitted By: Joe McGuinness</b>                               | <b>Item ID: 762</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b>                        | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|         | Housing Monthly Progress Report                                   |                     |
| Reports | <b>Submitted By: Mary T Daly</b>                                  | <b>Item ID: 788</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 09/02/2015 00:00:00</b>                        | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|         | Planning and Environmental Progress Reports                       |                     |

### Conference/Event

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| Conference/Event | <b>Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly</b>  | <b>Item ID: 764</b> |
|                  | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b>   | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|                  | To approve members attendance at the attached conferences endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 6th February 2015  |                     |
| Questions        |  |                     |
| Questions        | <b>Submitted By: Maeve Yore</b>  | <b>Item ID: 779</b> |
|                  | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b>   | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|                  | "How much has it cost Louth County Council in total in personal accident claims in relation to lack of footpath repairs etc in our County"?  |                     |
| Questions        | <b>Submitted By: Declan Breathnach</b>   | <b>Item ID: 765</b> |
|                  | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b>   | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|                  | To ask Louth County Council the kilometres of roads in Louth Catchment area under each category of road as laid down by the Department of environment together with the kilometres of road that were completed under the old LIS scheme but not taken in charge by Louth County Council?   |                     |
| Motions          |  |                     |
| Motions          | <b>Submitted By: Kevin Callan</b>  | <b>Item ID: 768</b> |
|                  | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b>   | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|                  | 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          | <b>Submitted By: Kevin Callan</b>  | <b>Item ID: 769</b> |
|                  | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b>   | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|                  | 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          | <b>Submitted By: Maeve Yore</b>  | <b>Item ID: 770</b> |
|                  | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b>   | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|                  | "That Louth County Council introduce a text alert / helpline number system for public to report illegal parking in disabled bays throughout our County so that Traffic Wardens can be alerted and issue tickets and warnings to eliminate "repeat offenders"   |                     |
| Motions          | <b>Submitted By: Imelda Munster</b>  | <b>Item ID: 771</b> |
|                  | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b>   | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|                  | This motion is calling on Louth County Council not to hand over the names of tenants to Irish Water without the consent of tenants and that Louth County Council do not add outstanding water charges to the rent account of tenants.  |                     |
| Motions          | <b>Submitted By: Paul Bell</b>   | <b>Item ID: 772</b> |
|                  | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b>   | <b>Owners:</b>      |
|                  | That this council calls for an End to Direct Provision and notes that the Government's policies are not in line with the Common European Asylum System, and in particular, that the Government has failed to implement EU Directive 2011/95/EU on qualifications for becoming a refugee or a beneficiary of subsidiary protection status, in addition to aspects of Directive 2003/9/EC, on laying down minimum standards for the reception of asylum seekers.   |                     |
|                  | That the average time spent in the asylum process, is 52 Months, the median time is 54 Months, and that 56.3% are in the system for in excess of four years  |                     |
|                  | Considers that the system of Direct Provision is an unsatisfactory manner of accommodating Asylum Seekers, which is detrimental to family life, in particular to the welfare and development of Children, and that the extended periods of time in which residents are required to reside there, while their cases are being processed, is entirely unjustifiable.   |                     |
|                  | and further Calls on the Minister of Justice to:   |                     |
|                  | Review in its entirety the Direct Provision System, and to examine alternative forms of support and accommodation i.e. reception which could be adopted which are more suitable for families and particularly children for those who are newly arrived for no longer than 6 months and those currently in the system for a longer period than this should reside in the local community independently  |                     |
|                  | - on foot of that review expedite the proposed Immigration, Residency and Protection Bill, and the reform of the Accommodation Policies for Asylum Seekers   |                     |
|                  | - and to establish in the interim an independent complaints mechanism and independent inspections of Direct Provision centres and give consideration to these being undertaken through the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) (inspections) or the Ombudsman for Children (complaints).   |                     |
| Motions          | <b>Submitted By: Frank Godfrey</b>   | <b>Item ID: 773</b> |
|                  | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b>   | <b>Owners:</b>      |

That Louth County Council set up a special policy committee to commemorate the centenary of 1916 in County Louth. I would envisage public involvement across the County with community groups and associations becoming active in this historic commemoration. How much money can we expect to be made available to support this venture?

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| Motions | <b>Submitted By: Frank Godfrey</b>         | <b>Item ID: 774</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>      |

That Louth County Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Pascal O' Donoghue TD to re-open the Dunleer Railway Station as a matter of urgency to facilitate the large number of commuters in the area, and that Louth County Council becomes proactive progressing the re-opening of the Station.

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| Motions | <b>Submitted By: Edel Corrigan</b>         | <b>Item ID: 775</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>      |

That Local LGBT support group Dundalk Outcomers women's group be invited to make a presentation to a future meeting of Louth County Council

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| Motions | <b>Submitted By: Edel Corrigan</b>         | <b>Item ID: 776</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>      |

That Louth County Council Engineering department carry out a disability accessibility audit of public footpaths, road crossings, parking facilities and public buildings.

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| Motions | <b>Submitted By: John McGahon</b>          | <b>Item ID: 777</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>      |

"That Louth County Council support the upcoming referendum on marriage equality".

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| Motions | <b>Submitted By: Declan Breathnach</b>     | <b>Item ID: 778</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>      |

"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 .

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| Motions | <b>Submitted By: Alan Cassidy</b>          | <b>Item ID: 780</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 02/02/2015 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>      |

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.

#### Correspondence

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| Correspondence | <b>Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly</b>        | <b>Item ID: 784</b> |
|                | <b>Date Submitted: 03/02/2015 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>      |

Boyne Valley Tourism Conference - Information letter and Brochure  
 Senator Mark Daly - Information of Gardens of Remembrance 1916 Centenary Celebrations  
 AILG - Annual Conference 2015  
 AILG - In Service Training Days for Councillors

#### Items

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| Items | <b>Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly</b>        | <b>Item ID: 781</b> |
|       | <b>Date Submitted: 03/02/2015 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>      |

Chief Executives Order Register

The Chief Executive will submit the Order Register to date