

4ú lá de Deireadh Fómhair, 2017.

Don Chathaoirleach agus gach Ball de Chomhairle Chontae Cheatharlocha

Tionólfar cruinniú na míosa de Chomhairle Chontae Cheatharloch do Mhí de Deireadh Fomhair i seomra An Chomhairle, Oifigí an Chontae, Ceatharloch, ar an **9ú lá de Deireadh 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 October monthly meeting of Carlow County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on **Monday, 9th October, 2017, at 2.00 p.m.**

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

**E. Brophy,
Senior Executive Officer/
Meetings Administrator.**

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, 11th September, 2017, at 2.00 p.m.
 - (b) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow on Tuesday, 26th September, 2017, at 3.00 p.m.

2. Filling of Causal Vacancy due to resignation of Councillor Anne Ahern – Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) Section 19 (3) (a)

3. Ciorcláin/Circulars
 - (a) Circular letter FPS 01/2017 Publication of Draft National Planning Framework (NPF) Ireland 2040: Our Plan
 - (b) CircularL6/17 Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2016-2018

4. 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 the 1916 Commemoration Committee
 - (b) Filling of Vacancy on the Joint Policing Committee
 - (c) Filling of Vacancy on the Cultural, Health & Agricultural SPC
 - (d) Filling of Vacancy on Kilkenny & Carlow Education Training Board
 - (e) Filling of Vacancy on the Carlow County Museum Board
 - (f) To approve in accordance with Local Government Act 2001, Section 183 (1), Planning & Development Act 2000, Section 211, the lease of premises known as the Old Crisp Centre, Hacketstown, to Hacketstown Community Group for 5 years in consideration of an annual rent of €100 in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated.
 - (g) To approve in accordance with Local Government Act 2001, Section 183 (1), Planning & Development Act 2000, Section 211, the disposal of the freehold of Site No. 3 Kernanstown Industrial Estate, Carlow to Matthew Kearney & Paul Kearney, Site 3 Kernanstown Industrial Estate, Carlow, in consideration of the sum of €2,000 plus all associated costs in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated.
 - (h) To approve Overdraft Accommodation in the sum of €2 Million for the year ending 31st December 2018 in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001
 - (i) Taking in Charge of Meadowbank Housing Development Palatine
 - (j) Amendment to Standing Orders re Civic Receptions

5. Departmental Progress Reports
Tuarascálacha ar Dhul Chun Cinn na Roinne
 - (a) Community, Recreation/Amenity & Sports Partnership Progress Report
 - (b) Transportation Progress Report
 - (c) Environment & Water Services Progress Report

6. Transportation, Environment & Water Services
Iompar, Timpeallacht, agus Seirbhísí Uisce
 - (a) River Basin Management Plan Update

7. Corporate, Planning, Economic Development & Health & Safety
Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, Pleanáil, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Sláinte agus
Sábháilteacht
 - (a) Agriculture
 - (b) Health
 - (c) Conference Attendance Approvals

8. Chief Executives Report
Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh

9. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence

10. Fógraí Rúin/Notices of Motion.
Standing in the name of Cllr. K. Murnane
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.” (*Deferred from September Meeting*)

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" (*Deferred from September Meeting*)

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." (*Deferred from September Meeting*)

Standing in the name of Cllr. William Paton

"That Carlow County Council call on the Minister for Social Protection to initiate a review of the Turas Nua programme, in particular, to examine the effect Turas Nua is having on drying up recruitment for the Community Employment and TUS job activation programmes. The Council calls on the Minister to exempt those over 60 years of age from the Turas Nua programme, where the individual involved does not wish to enter the Turas Nua programme."

Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. William Paton

"That Carlow County Council call on the Office of Public Works to complete the car park at Rathgall Hill Fort just outside Tullow to allow better access for tourists and local visitors alike."

Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr Brian O'Donoghue, Tommy Kinsella

"That Carlow County Council provide funding in the 2018 Budget for a school warden for both Rathvilly National School and Grange National School as the schools have over 200 children each."

Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Fergal Browne

"That Carlow County Council provide funding/ support in the 2018 Budget for a school lollipop person at Bennekerry National School as the school has over 450 children in the school"

Standing in the Name of Cllrs John Murphy, Tommy Kinsella & Willie Quinn

“That Carlow County Council provide funding in the 2018 Budget for school wardens for all schools in county carlow with over 200 students, that have an urgent need of school wardens, also for schools that difficulty in replacing Tus Scheme workers who presently fill this role in some schools and who only work on a 1 year contract a school.

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