

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Clare County Council held in the  
Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Councillors J. Breen, J. Flynn, P. Daly, A. Norton, T. McNamara, M. Howard, P. Murphy, C. Colleran Molloy, J. Cooney, P. Hayes, M. Begley, T. O'Brien, P. Burke, A. O'Callaghan, C. Crowe, J. Crowe, G. Flynn, P.J. Ryan, P. McMahan, M. McKee, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, B. Slattery, I. Lynch, M. Hillery, P.J. Kelly, B. Chambers, G. Keating.

- Mr. Tom Coughlan, Chief Executive.
- Mr. Michael McNamara, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Siobhán Garvey, Staff Officer.
- Mr. Ger Dollard, Director of Service.
- Ms. Carmel Greene, A./Director of Service.
- Mr. Niall Barrett, Head of Finance.
- Mr. Gordon Daly, Senior Planner.
- Ms. Catherine O'Hara, Administrative Officer.
- Mr. Adrian Kelly, Chief Fire Officer.
- Mr. Kieran O'Donnell, Administrative Officer
- Mr. Eddie Power, Senior Executive Officer.

Outgoing Mayor, Joe Arkins commenced proceedings by stating that it was an honour to be Mayor for the last year and thanked all Councillors, Chief Executive and Senior Management staff, staff of the Council both indoor and outdoor for all their help and support particularly during the last year. He outlined a number of highlights of his year as Mayor.

A number of Members paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and complimented him on the commitment he had made while serving as a member and Mayor of Clare County Council.

Outgoing Mayor, Joe Arkins welcomed the new and returning councillors and wished them well over the next five years and then called on the Meetings Administrator to proceed with item 1 of the agenda.

**Item 1: Return of persons elected to Clare County Council.**

Michael McNamara, Meetings Administrator, read out the names and details of the persons elected to Clare County Council at the Local Elections held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2014.

**Item 2: Election of Mayor of Council for the coming year.**

Joe Arkins then called for proposals for the election of a new Mayor of Clare for the coming year.

Cllr. J. Cooney proposed Cllr. J. Crowe for the position of Mayor and this was seconded by Cllr. G. Flynn.

As there were no other nominations from the floor, Cllr. J. Crowe was declared elected to the post of Mayor of Clare for the coming year and took up his position accordingly.

The new Mayor gave an acceptance speech and was formally congratulated by Cllr. C. Crowe on behalf of the Fianna Fáil party, Cllr. G. Flynn on behalf of the Independents, Cllr. J. Cooney on behalf of Fine Gael and a number of other councillors also wished him well. Tributes were also paid to Joe Arkins, outgoing Mayor on the manner in which he carried out his duties as Mayor over the past twelve months.

Cllr. Crowe spoke of how he was humbled to be taking up the Mayoral post, he paid tribute to J. Arkins and others who had held the role in the past number of years. He described how he looked forward to working with the Executive of the Council in developing and managing Clare over the coming 5 years. He ended his speech by thanking his family who were present in the public gallery and spoke of how he looked forward to working for the people of Clare.

Tom Coughlan, Chief Executive congratulated Cllr. Crowe and stated that he would have the total support of the senior management team and all council staff throughout the year. He also paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and to all the members on their election.

The new Mayor then called for any proposals from the floor for the position of Deputy Mayor in relation to item 3 of the agenda.

**Item 3: Election of Deputy Mayor of Council for coming year.**

Cllr. P. Hayes proposed Cllr. T. O'Brien as Deputy Mayor and this was seconded by Cllr. P. Burke. As there were no other nominations from the floor, the Mayor declared Cllr. O'Brien elected as Deputy Mayor for the coming year.

Cllr. T. O'Brien advised that he was humbled by the honour of taking on this role. He paid tribute to those elected members who had retired and who had not been re-elected. He thanked his fellow members for nominating him and the people of Killaloe for voting for him and finally his family for their continuing support.

**Item 4: Appointment of 5 members to the Fergus Drainage District Joint Committee.**

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Keating agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr P. Murphy be appointed to the Fergus Drainage District Joint Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. T. O'Brien  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Hayes agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. A. O'Callaghan be appointed to the Fergus Drainage District Joint Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. R. Nagle  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. P. McMahon be appointed to the Fergus Drainage District Joint Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P.J. Ryan agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. J. Breen be appointed to the Fergus Drainage District Joint Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Murphy  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. J. Flynn be appointed to the Fergus Drainage District Joint Committee.”

It was agreed that these appointments would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 5: Appointment of 2 members to Regional Assembly.**

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Crowe  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Chambers agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. P. McMahon be appointed to the Regional Assembly.”

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Cooney  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Howard agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. B. Slattery be appointed to the Regional Assembly.”

It was agreed that these appointments would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 6: Appointment of members to Education & Training Board.**

Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P.J. Kelly agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. M. Hillery be appointed to the Education & Training Board.”

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Howard agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. G. Keating be appointed to the Education & Training Board.”

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. A. Norton be appointed to the Education & Training Board.”

Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. R. Nagle agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. C. Crowe be appointed to the Education & Training Board.”

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Cooney agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. M. Howard be appointed to the Education & Training Board.”

It was agreed that these appointments would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 7: Appointment of Chair Designate for each of the Strategic Policy Committees.**

Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. T. McNamara agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. R. Nagle be appointed as Chair Designate for Strategic Policy Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Begley agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. G. Flynn be appointed as Chair Designate for Strategic Policy Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. R. Nagle  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Collieran Molloy agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. P. Hayes be appointed as Chair Designate for Strategic Policy Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. J. Cooney be appointed as Chair Designate for Strategic Policy Committee.”

**Item 8: Appointment of 1 member to Local Authority Members Association. (L.A.M.A.).**

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Hillary  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P.J. Kelly agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. B. Chambers be appointed to the Local Authority Members Association.”

It was agreed that this appointment would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 9: Appointment of 3 members to the Association of Irish Local Government. Each Municipal District to nominate 1 member (4). Council then to nominate 3 of the above 4 as permanent delegates to the Association for the full five year term.**

Ar moladh Cllr. T. McNamara  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. P. Daly be appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government.”

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Begley agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. C. Curtin be appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government.”

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P.J. Burke agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. J. Crowe be appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government.”

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. J. Cooney be appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government.”

It was agreed that Cllrs. P. Daly, C. Curtin and J. Crowe would be the permanent delegates to this body.

It was agreed that these appointments would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 10: Appointment of 1 member to Lisdoonvarna Fáilte.**

Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Hillery agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. R. Nagle be appointed to Lisdoonvarna Failte.”

It was agreed that this appointment would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 11: Appointment of 1 member to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.**

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Crowe  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy be appointed to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.”

It was agreed that this appointment would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 12: Appointment of 1 member to Board of Trustees of Cahercalla Hospital.**

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Murphy  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Burke agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. J. Crowe be appointed to the Board of Trustees of Cahercalla Hospital.”

It was agreed that the Mayor of the day will be the nominee on the Board of Trustees of Cahercalla Hospital.

**Item 13: Appointment of 1 member to Board of Management of Kilkee Waterworld.**

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Cooney  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. G. Keating be appointed to the Board of Management of Kilkee Waterworld.”

It was agreed that this appointment would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 14: Appointment of 1 member to Board of Management of Lahinch Seaworld.**

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Cooney agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. B. Slattery be appointed to the Board of Management of Lahinch Seaworld.”

It was agreed that this appointment would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 15: Appointment of 1 member to Rural Resettlement Ireland.**

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Keating  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Cooney agus glacadh leis

“That the Mayor of the day would be the Councils nominee to Rural Resettlement Ireland.”

**Item 16: Appointment of 1 member to Hunt Museum Trust.**

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Keating  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Burke agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. P. Murphy be appointed to the Hunt Museum Trust.”

It was agreed that this appointment would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 17: Appointment of 2 members to the Board of Glór Irish Music Centre.**

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Murphy  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. M. Howard be appointed to the Board of Glór Irish Music Centre.”

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Begley agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. G. Flynn be appointed to the Board of Glór Irish Music Centre.”

It was agreed that this appointment would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 18: Appointment of 2 members to Clare Sports Partnership.**

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Cooney  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. G. Keating be appointed to Clare Sports Partnership.”

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Daly agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. T. McNamara be appointed to Clare Sports Partnership.”

It was agreed that these appointments would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 19: Appointment of Local Traveller Accommodation Advisory Committee.**

Ar moladh Cllr. A. O’Callaghan  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Hayes agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. T. O’Brien be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Advisory Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Murphy  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. C. Curtin be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Advisory Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. B. Slattery  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Cooney agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. G. Keating be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Advisory Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Hillary agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. R. Nagle be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Advisory Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. M. McKee be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Advisory Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. A. Norton be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Advisory Committee.”

It was agreed that these appointments would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 20: Appointment of Twinning Committee.**

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Cooney  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. M. Howard be appointed to the Twinning Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. M. Begley be appointed to the Twinning Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. P. McMahon  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. T. O’Brien be appointed to the Twinning Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Murphy  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Burke agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. G. Keating be appointed to the Twinning Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. T. O’Brien  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. T. McNamara agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. P. McMahon be appointed to the Twinning Committee.”



Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. P.J. Ryan be appointed to the Twinning Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. M. McKee be appointed to the Twinning Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. T. O’Brien  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Howard agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. P. Hayes be appointed to the Twinning Committee.”

It was agreed that the Mayor of the day would also be appointed to this committee. It was agreed that these appointments would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 21: Appointment of 3 members to County Clare Road Safety Working Group.**

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Daly  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Murphy agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. T. O’Brien be appointed to the County Clare Road Safety Working Group.”

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Keating  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. J. Cooney be appointed to the County Clare Road Safety Working Group.”

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. P.J. Ryan be appointed to the County Clare Road Safety Working Group.”

It was agreed that these appointments would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 22: Appointment of 3 members to County Rural Water Monitoring Committee.**

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Murphy agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. P. Burke be appointed to the County Rural Water Monitoring Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. R. Nagle agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. M. Hillery be appointed to the County Rural Water Monitoring Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Begley agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. C. Curtin be appointed to the County Rural Water Monitoring Committee.”

It was agreed that these appointments would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 23: Appointment of 3 members to Active Ennis Sports and Leisure Committee.**

Ar moladh Cllr. T. McNamara  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. R. Nagle agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy be appointed to Active Ennis Sports and Leisure Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Burke  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. M. Howard be appointed to Active Ennis Sports and Leisure Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. J. Breen be appointed to Active Ennis Sports and Leisure Committee.”

It was agreed that these appointments would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 24: Appointment of members to the Audit Committee.**

The Meetings Administrator advised the meeting that this item was being deferred pending clarification from the Department.

**Item 25: Appointment of 3 members to the Clare Local Development Company.**

The Meetings Administrator advised the meeting that it was proposed that this item be deferred.

In reply to queries raised in this regard, G. Dollard, Director of Services advised that the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government had informed the Council in the past few days that it is not required to make nominations to the Boards of Local Development Companies at the A.G.M. He further advised that this information came from the Department in the context of the establishment of L.C.D.C.s.

**Item 26: Appointment of 4 members to the Regional Health Forum West.**

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Daly  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Chambers agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. T. McNamara be appointed to the Regional Health Forum West.”

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. P.J. Ryan be appointed to the Regional Health Forum West.”

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. A. Norton be appointed to the Regional Health Forum West.”

Ar moladh Cllr. B. Slattery  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. P. Burke be appointed to the Regional Health Forum West.”

It was agreed that these appointments would be for the life of the Council.

**Item 27: Appointment of members to the Joint Policing Committee.**

The Meetings Administrator advised the meeting that the Department of Justice and Equality had informed the Council that revised guidelines for the operation of J.P.C.'s are due to issue shortly and the Council should not appoint members to J.P.C.'s until these guidelines have issued.

**Item 28: Fix date for first meeting for each of the Municipal Districts.**

The following dates and times were agreed for the first meeting of the Municipal Districts:

Ennis Municipal District                      Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 3:00 p.m.

Killaloe Municipal District                  Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 11:00 a.m.

West Clare Municipal District              Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 3:00 p.m.

It was agreed that the first meeting of the Shannon Municipal District will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June with a time to be agreed with area members.

**Item 29: Appointment of Standing Orders Sub-Committee.**

It was agreed that following Elected Members would be appointed to this Sub-Committee:

Cllr. C. Curtin	Proposed by: Cllr. G. Flynn	Seconded by: Cllr. B. Slattery
Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy	Proposed by: Cllr. R. Nagle	Seconded by: Cllr. T. McNamara
Cllr. J. Cooney	Proposed by: Cllr. B. Slattery	Seconded by: Cllr. M. Howard
Cllr. P. Murphy	Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney	Seconded by: Cllr. B. Slattery
Cllr. B. Chambers	Proposed by: Cllr. P.J. Kelly	Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan
Cllr. G. Flynn	Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney	Seconded by Cllr. C. Curtin

**Item 30: Schedule of Ordinary Meetings of full Council for next twelve months.**

This item was deferred to the June meeting.

**Item 31: Induction Training for Elected Members.**

The Meetings Administrator advised that Induction Training for Elected Members will take place in Cork on the 26<sup>th</sup> June and all Members are advised to attend. Members were requested to register with Corporate Services to confirm attendance. The following resolution was passed unanimously.

“That Clare County Council nominates Cllrs. P. Daly, T. McNamara, M. Howard, P. Murphy, C. Colleran Molloy, J. Cooney, P. Hayes, M. Begley, T. O’Brien, P. Burke, A. O’Callaghan, J. Crowe, G. Flynn, P.J. Ryan, P. McMahan, M. McKee, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, B. Slattery, I. Lynch, M. Hillery, B. Chambers and G. Keating to attend the training seminar being organised by the Association of Irish Local Government for all elected members to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 in Cork.”

“That Clare County Council nominates Cllr. P.J. Kelly to attend the training seminar being organised by the Association of Irish Local Government for all elected members to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 in Tullamore.”

- The following Circulars from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government were circulated with the agenda.
  - Circular Ref. LG 06/2014 regarding newly elected local authorities.
  - Circular Ref. LG 07/2014 regarding the Establishment of New Strategic Policy Committees (S.P.C.s)

The attached was handed to the Mayor outlining details of the share-out of the various positions during the life of the Council and it was agreed that same be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

<b>CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL 2014 - 2019</b>			
	<b>Fianna Fáil</b>	<b>Fine Gael</b>	<b>Technical G.</b>
<b>Position</b>			
MAYOR *5	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
DEPUTY MAYOR *5	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
S.P.C. CHAIRS * 4	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
CHAIR Municipal Districts			
(a) ENNIS Municipal District*5	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
(b) WEST CLARE Municipal District *5	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
(c) KILLALOE Municipal District*5	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
(d) SHANNON Municipal District *5	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY * 2	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Association of Irish Local Government *3	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD. * 5	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM * 4	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
L.A.M.A. * 1	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
IRISH PUBLIC BODIES * 1	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
FERGUS DRAINAGE * 5	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
LISDOONVARNA FAILTE * 1	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
CAHERCALLA HOSP. * 1	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
KILKEE WATERWORLD * 1	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
LAHINCH SEAWORLD * 1	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

HUNT MUSEUM TRUST * 1	0	1	0
RURAL RESETTLE IRELAND * 1			Mayor of the Day
BOARD OF GLÓR * 2	0	1	1
CLARE SPORTS PART.*2	1	1	0
TRAVELLER ACCOM. COMM. *6	2	2	2
TWINNING COMMITTEE *6 +M.	2	2	2
ROAD SAFETY GROUP *3	1	1	1
COUNTY RURAL WATER COMM. *3	1	1	1
ACTIVE ENNIS SPORT & LEISURE * 3	1	1	1
CLARE LOCAL DEV. COMP. *3	1	1	1
JOINT POLICING COMM. *15	5	5	5
AUDIT COMMITTEE * 2	1	1	0
STANDING ORDERS COMM. *6	2	2	2

Signed by Cllrs. T. McNamara and R. Nagle on behalf of Fianna Fáil, Cllrs. J. Cooney and J. Crowe on behalf of Fine Gael and Cllrs. C. Curtin and G. Flynn on behalf of Technical Group.

The newly elected Mayor of Clare, Cllr. J. Crowe formally closed the meeting and invited those present to a small reception in the Council Chamber Foyer and to a later function in Sixmilebridge.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Méara**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Minutes of the June Monthly Meeting of Clare County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 at 3:45 p.m.**

**Present:**

Councillors J. Breen, J. Flynn, P. Daly, A. Norton, T. McNamara, M. Howard, C. Colleran Molloy, J. Cooney, P. Hayes, M. Begley, T. O'Brien, P. Burke, A. O'Callaghan, C. Crowe, J. Crowe, G. Flynn, P.J. Ryan, P. McMahon, M. McKee, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, B. Slattery, I. Lynch, M. Hillery, P.J. Kelly, B. Chambers, G. Keating.

- Mr. Tom Coughlan, Chief Executive.
- Mr. Michael McNamara, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Siobhán Garvey, Staff Officer.
- Mr. Ger Dollard, Director of Service.
- Ms. Carmel Greene, A./Director of Service.
- Mr. Niall Barrett, Head of Finance.
- Mr. Eddie Power, Senior Executive Officer.
- Mr. Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer.

The Mayor, Cllr. John Crowe presided.

**Item 1: Minutes of Council Meetings.**

a. Ar moladh Cllr. J. Cooney  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the May Meeting of Clare County Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 be adopted and signed.”

**Suspension of Standing Orders.**

The following resolution read out by the Meetings Administrator was proposed by Cllr. J. Breen, seconded by Cllr. T. McNamara and agreed by the members present:

“I am requesting the suspension of standing orders for 15 minutes to discuss the H.I.Q.A. report into overcrowding at the Regional Hospital Limerick.”

The following resolution read out by the Meetings Administrator was proposed by Cllr. P. Hayes and seconded by Cllrs. P. Daly, P. McMahon, T. McNamara, C. Colleran Molloy, M. Hillery, B. Chambers, A. O'Callaghan and T. O'Brien and agreed by the members present:

“We propose that standing orders be suspended following headed items to discuss (The H.I.Q.A. report on University Hospital Limerick and its implications).”

The Mayor advised that standing orders would be suspended to allow for a 15 minute discussion on this matter after items listed as headed items on the agenda were dealt with.

**Item 2: Minutes of the Electoral Area Meetings.**

a. Ar moladh Cllr. T. McNamara  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Breen agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Ennis West Electoral Area Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 be noted.”

b. Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. T. McNamara agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Ennis East Electoral Area Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 be noted.”

c. Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Keating agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Kilrush Electoral Area Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014 be noted.”

d. Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P.J. Ryan agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Shannon Electoral Area Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 be noted.”

The Meetings Administrator reminded members that there is a Training Seminar being held for all Elected Members on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Cork and any member intending to attend needs to confirm this with Anne Marie McElwee, Corporate Services.



**Item 3: Minutes of S.P.C. Meetings.**

a. Ar moladh Cllr. P.J. Ryan  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Keating agus glacadh leis

“That the minutes of the Community & Enterprise, Tourism and Emergency Services S.P.C. meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 be noted”.

b. Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Burke agus glacadh leis

“That the minutes of the Environmental and Water Services S.P.C. meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 be noted”.

**Item 4: Establishment of a Local Community Development Committee.**

Report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2014 from Ger Dollard, Director of Service, was circulated with the agenda. The report outlined that the Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides for the establishment of Local Community Development Committees (L.C.D.C.s) in all local authority areas. The report also outlined the functions of the L.C.D.C. and stated that the Act provided for the making of Ministerial Guidelines in relation to the governance and work of the L.C.D.C.s. Details of the proposed membership of the L.C.D.C. was also outlined in the report which went on to request the members to nominate three elected members to the L.C.D.C.

The members agreed to formally establish a Local Community Development Committee in accordance with the Local Government Reform Act 2014 on the proposal of Cllr. P. Hayes, seconded by Cllr. C. Curtin.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. M. McKee be appointed to the Local Community Development Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Hayes  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Hillery agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. B. Chambers be appointed to the Local Community Development Committee.”

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Cooney  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Burke agus glacadh leis

“That Cllr. J. Flynn be appointed to the Local Community Development Committee.”

In reply to issues raised by members concerning appointment of three members to the Clare Local Development Company which was listed on the agenda for the Councils Annual General Meeting,

Ger Dollard addressed the meeting and advised that the Council had been advised by the Department that in the context of the establishment of L.C.D.C.s the Council was not required to make nominations to the Boards of Local Development Companies at the Annual General Meeting. However, the members proceeded to make nominations and the following were agreed.

Cllr. B. Chambers, P.J. Ryan and J. Flynn.

Ger Dollard also referred to the role of the proposed Public Participation Networks and the C.P.G. in the nomination process to the L.C.D.C.

### **Suspension of Standing Orders.**

As agreed earlier the members now dealt with the H.I.Q.A. report into overcrowding at the University Hospital, Limerick and outlined various experiences they were aware of. Various members stressed the need to re-open the A. & E. facilities at Ennis General Hospital and at Nenagh General Hospital.

After a discussion on the issue the following resolution read out by the Meetings Administrator was proposed by Cllr. P. Hayes and seconded by Cllrs. P. Daly, R. Nagle, M. Hillary, B. Chambers, A. O'Callaghan, P.J. Kelly, J. Breen and T. McNamara and agreed by the members present.

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Health, James O'Reilly to immediately make funding available to construct a purpose built A.&E. Unit at University Hospital, Limerick and in the interim to re-open the A.&E. at Ennis General Hospital and Nenagh General Hospital.”

### **Item 5: Coastal Protection Works arising from January – February Storms.**

It was agreed that Items No. 5 and 6 be taken together.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Hillery agus glacadh leis

“That the Director of Services up-date with a complete inventory the Council on the progress to-date on Road Restoration and Allied Coastal Protection Works arising from the January - February Storms.”

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Hillery  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Clare Co. Council management would present an up to date progress report on the restoration of the coastline following the January/February storms.”

### **Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer replied as follows:**

“The following is the current position with regard to repair / restoration of public areas and infrastructure damaged by coastal storms earlier this year. Details are outlined in relation to each affected location – commencing at Aughinish at the northern end continuing from north to south along the west coast and then along the northern side of the Shannon estuary as far as Labasheeda.

1. Aughinish: Clean-up and some road restoration works have been carried out.
2. New Quay: An extensive clean-up of the area has been carried out twice and some road restoration works have been completed to the extent that the entire coastal route is now accessible.
3. Bishopsquarter: Clean-up carried out.
4. Ballyvaughan: Clean-up pier repairs and wall reconstruction works have been carried out.
5. Fanore: Clean-up works have been carried out.
6. Doolin: An extensive clean-up was carried out twice along with significant road and car-park restoration works.
7. Clahane: Extensive clean-up works carried out twice as well as temporary road repairs and wall reconstruction works.
8. Liscannor: Extensive clean-up carried out at four locations, retaining wall constructed to protect against potential regional road collapse along southern access to village, road restoration works further south and wall reconstruction works have been completed at the cemetery.
9. Lahinch: Extensive clean-up carried out twice, temporary restoration of walk-way going north from prom towards O'Briens Bridge, temporary restoration of walls and other infrastructure in the prom area etc.
10. Bártra: Clean-up carried out.
11. White Strand, Miltown Malbay: Clean up works carried out twice, the public carpark and retaining wall have been restored and repairs have been carried out to public toilets and the slipway area.
12. Spanish Point: The area has been cleaned up, a new support structure has been provided to facilitate restoration of the decking area, bridge repairs have been completed and some modest coastal protection works have been implemented.
13. Quilty: Clean-up carried out.
14. Seafield Pier: Minor access road repairs carried out.
15. Cloughaninchy: Major clean-up carried out twice and major temporary coastal defence work implemented.
16. Carrowmore: Clean-up and minor road repairs carried out.
17. Doughmore Beach: Clean-up carried out.
18. Rhynnaonnaught, Doonbeg: Clean-up carried out and rock armour coastal defence works implemented.
19. Doonmore /White Strand: Clean-up carried out rock armour coastal defence works implemented culvert repaired and wall breaches temporarily repaired.

20. Kilkee: Extensive clean-up was carried out and significant wall pavement and other repairs substantially completed. The Strand Line wall and road slippage situation has been stabilised design work regarding a permanent resolution is almost complete and the works will go to Tender shortly.
21. Ross: Major clean-up works have been carried out twice. Road restoration works to be implemented shortly.
22. Kilbaha: Extensive clean-up works have been carried out significant interim coastal defence works have been implemented and the regional road through the village has been totally reconstructed – also on an interim basis.
23. Cloughansavan, Kilclogher: Extensive clean-up works have been carried out and retaining wall repairs have been implemented.
24. Fodra: Clean-up works carried out.
25. Rinevella Beach: Clean-up works carried out.
26. Rinevella: Clean-up works have been carried out along with some road repairs.
27. Kilcredaun: Clean-up works have been carried out temporary wall repairs have been implemented – as have some road repair works. A new sluice has been installed and repairs have been carried out to a previously existing sluice.
28. Carriagholt: Clean-up works and wall repairs have been carried out.
29. Glasheen Cove: Clean-up works have been carried out.
30. Moyasta: Clean-up works of a minor nature have been carried out.
31. Brews Bridge Amenity Area: Clean-up works have been carried out.
32. Cappagh: Clean-up works have been carried out – wall repairs scheduled to commence shortly.
33. Carrowdotia: Clean-up works and temporary wall repairs have been carried out.
34. Knock: Clean-up works carried out – operation of one-way traffic control system pending implementation of sea wall restoration and strengthening.
35. Labasheeda: Clean-up works of the general area has been carried out twice.

To date total expenditure on the clean-up repair and restoration works which have been carried out stands at between €2.5m. and €3m. All of the works carried out to date generally fall in to the following categories;

- Clean up works
- Necessary or urgent restoration works
- Necessary works to facilitate tourist industry requirements

Ultimately a multi-annual programme is required to deal effectively with the extensive and varied instances of coastal damage which occurred in January and February last. In this context an overall

programme is required but the Council is limited in its endeavours to collate a firm programme due to the fact that there hasn't to date been a Government response in relation to coastal strengthening funding applications arising from January severe weather events or in respect of the Council's funding application on foot of February storms. While a very welcome confirmation did emerge in late February regarding the fact that funding of €16.8m. is available the fact remains that the Government's response in relation to applications with a total value of more than €21m. has not materialised.

Works are continuing at various locations where deemed necessary and over the course of the coming months a storm damage roadworks programme to the value of approximately €1.9m. will be implemented."

A number of members raised concerns with regard to the speed at which repairs were taking place along some particular tourist routes. Tom Coughlan, Chief Executive reported that all tourist routes along the coast were accessible with all tourist sites on the coast open for business and asked members to be mindful when making public comment to ensure that a positive portrayal of the county is put out at all times. Tom Tiernan addressed a number of issues raised by members. He referred to the difficulty at present as the full level of funding available to the Council is still unknown and many works cannot be completed until same is known. The Chief Executive also informed the members that a Temporary Senior Executive Engineer is to be recruited to deal with the works arising in this regard.

The following resolution read out by the Meetings Administrator was proposed by Cllr. M. Hillery and seconded by Cllrs. B. Chambers, T. McNamara, P. Daly and C. Curtin and agreed by the members present:

"That Clare County Council invite the T.D.'s and Senators to the July County Council meeting to discuss the multi-annual programme of coastal protection works".

The following resolution read out by the Meetings Administrator was proposed by Cllr. T. McNamara and seconded by Cllrs. R. Nagle, P. Daly, C. Curtin, M. Hillery, B. Chambers, A. O'Callaghan and agreed by the members present:

"This Council call on the Government to immediately make funding available to Clare County Council to cover the cost of the damage to Clare coastline following the February storm and to clarify what projects can proceed following the January storm."

## **Item 7. Municipal District Areas.**

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

"In the interest of clarity of the understanding of the proposed levels of service delivery at local level, that the County Manager provide a report of the breakdown of Staff allocated to each Municipal District Area to include the category, roles, etc. of those staff."

**Eddie Power, Senior Executive Officer replied as follows:**

“I refer to the above notice of motion and set out hereunder details of the staff structure in each of the 4 Municipal Districts.

I also attach copy of the Manager’s Report which was discussed at the adjourned April meeting of Clare County Council which provides further information which maybe of assistance to you.

**Staff Structure in Municipal Districts**

*The following table outlines the staff structure in Ennis Municipal District.*

<b>Ennis Municipal District Headquarters (under the Directorate of Mr. Gerard Dollard)</b>	
Staff Officer	1
Assistant Staff Officer	1
Clerical Officers	2
Technical and support staff for the Ennis Area will be based in the offices at Drumbiggle, as follows;	
Senior Executive Engineer	1
Executive Engineer	2
Clerical Officer	2
Senior Executive Technician	1
Executive Technician	1
Caretaker	1
Water Services Staff for the Ennis Area will be based in the offices at Drumbiggle, as follows;	
Executive Engineer	1
Clerical Officer	1
Technician Grade 1	1
Total Staff	15

*The following table outlines the staff structure in Shannon Municipal District.*

<b>Shannon Municipal District Headquarters</b> <b>(under the directorate of Mr. Niall Barrett)</b>	
Senior Executive Engineer	1
Executive Engineer	1
Staff Officer	1
Clerical Officers	2
Executive Technician	1
Water Services staff for the Shannon Area based in Shannon Municipal District Headquarters	
Executive Engineer	1
Assistant Staff Officer	1
Senior Executive Technician	1
Total Staff	9

*The following table outlines the staff structure in Killaloe Municipal District.*

<b>Killaloe Municipal District Headquarters</b> <b>(under Mr. Michael McNamara)</b>	
Senior Executive Engineer	1
Executive Engineer	1
Staff Officer	1
Clerical Officers	2
Water Services staff for the Killaloe Area based in Killaloe Municipal District Headquarters	
Executive Engineer	1

Clerical Officer	1
Executive Technician	1
Total Staff	8

*The following table outlines the staff structure for the West Clare Municipal District.*

<b>West Clare Municipal District Headquarters</b>  <b>(under the Directorate of Ms. Anne Haugh)</b>	
Senior Executive Engineer	1
Executive Engineer	1
Staff Officer	1
Assistant Staff Officer	1
Clerical Officer	2
Community Warden	1
Caretaker/Cleaner	1
Water Services staff for the Kilrush Area based in Municipal District Headquarters in Kilrush	
Executive Engineer	1
Clerical Officer	1
Executive Technician	1

*The following table sets out the staff structure for Ennistymon Service Centre.*

<b>Ennistymon Service Centre</b>  <b>(under the Directorate of Ms. Anne Haugh)</b>	
Executive Engineer	1
Assistant Staff Officer	1
Burren Connect Officer	1



Clerical Officers	1
Community Warden	1
Caretaker/Cleaner	1
Water Services staff for the North Clare Area will be based in the Ennistymon Service Centre	
Executive Engineer	1
Clerical Officer	1
Executive Technician	1
Total Staff	20

A number of members thanked Eddie Power for his report and raised some concerns with regard to staffing levels in various areas and the fact that many staff in areas had now transferred to Irish Water. Tom Coughlan responded by reminding members that the operation of the new Municipal Districts were being monitored and he welcomed feedback from the members and that operations are planned to be reviewed in the coming months.

**Item 8. Atlantic Way.**

Ar moladh Cllr. P. McMahon  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Daly agus glacadh leis

“I propose that a familiarisation trip be organised for the elected members to the Clare portion of the Atlantic Way.”

**Gerard Dollard, Director of Services replied as follows;**

“The Wild Atlantic Way is a major addition to tourism product on a national basis and offers a very significant opportunity for international tourism marketing and promotion. The Council is extremely satisfied with the extent of the route set out in County Clare with a number of significant discovery points as well as two main discovery points at Loop Head and the Cliffs of Moher.

If the Members wish to proceed with a familiarisation trip, I would suggest that the opportunity also be taken for the Members to view the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark which now has UNESCO Geopark designation.”

The response issued by Ger Dollard, Director of Service was welcomed by Cllr. P. McMahon and all members present agreed with the proposal.

**Item 9. Discretionary Medical Cards.**

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C.Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council request the Minister for Health to urgently re-issue Discretionary Medical Cards taken from vulnerable citizens such as the senior citizens and individuals (in particular children) with serious medical conditions.”

**Deferred Item from A.G.M.**

At the A.G.M. held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 it was agreed to defer the following item which was now up for discussion:

**Item 30: Schedule of Ordinary Meetings of full Council for next twelve months.**

It was agreed that the current arrangement for Council meetings would remain the same for the coming year, with the monthly meeting taking place on the second Monday of each month with no meeting in August.

This was proposed by Cllr. T. McNamara and seconded by Cllr. C. Crowe and agreed by the members present.

It was further agreed that the schedule for Municipal District meetings was a matter for each Municipal District to determine but these meetings would likely take place bi-monthly in line with previous area meetings.

**Item 10. Comhfhreagras.**

**The following correspondence was circulated at the meeting:**

- Training Seminar entitled “Community Policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” being held in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth on 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

**Correspondence.**

**The following correspondence was circulated with the agenda:**

1. Correspondence dated 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government in relation to Seniors Alert Scheme.
2. Correspondence dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 from the O.P.W. in relation to the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (P.F.R.A.) and access to funding when the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (C.F.R.A.M.) Plans are finalised.
3. Resolution passed at meeting of South Dublin County Council in relation to the use of Pulse Oximeters in every Maternity Hospital.
4. Correspondence dated 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 from University Hospital Limerick in relation to the progress of the Re-configuration Programme.

5. Correspondence dated 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 from University Hospital Limerick in relation to over- crowding at University Hospital Limerick, Emergency Department.
  6. Correspondence dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills in relation to a bonus led saving scheme for primary school students.
  7. Correspondence dated 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 from the Office of the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport concerning the N17/N18 Gort-Tuam road project.
  8. Correspondence dated 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 from Timmy Dooley, T.D., in relation to the Roadworks Programme.
  9. Correspondence dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014 from the Office of the Taoiseach in relation to increased charges imposed on families in recent years.
  10. Correspondence dated 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 from the Department of Health concerning the A. & E. at Ennis General Hospital.
  11. Training Seminar entitled “Induction Course’ to New Councils for Councillors” being held in Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.
  12. Seminar entitled “Constituents’ Tax Entitlements and Reliefs” being held in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork on 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2014.
  13. Seminar entitled “Political Branding – A new quality of Political Communication” being held in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.
  14. Byrne Perry Summer School taking place in Gorey, Co. Wexford on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.
  15. Training Seminar entitled “Changing Trends and approaches to Drug and Alcohol Abuse” being held in Cahir House Hotel, Cahir, Co. Tipperary on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.
  16. Douglas Hyde Conference entitled “The Unsaved Harvest: Rural Ireland’s Cultural Heritage” being held in the B.M.W. Conference Room, The Square, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.
  17. Thomas D’Arcy McGee Summer School 2014 entitled “The Famine in Ulster” taking place in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth on 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.
  18. Sean MacDiarmada Summer School entitled “Reflections on Commemorating the Easter Rising” being held in Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2014.
  19. The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual MacGill Summer School & Arts Week being held in Glenties, Co. Donegal on 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.
  20. William Carleton Summer School 2014 being held in Corick House Hotel, Clogher, Co. Tyrone on 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.
- Cllr. C. Curtin referred to correspondence received from the O.P.W. regarding areas with a risk of flooding and advised that consultation on this begins later in 2014 and the Council will take part in this.

## **Conferences.**

### **Reports on Seminars/Conferences attended.**

With regard to seminars/conferences attended, reports completed in accordance with Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001 were made available at the meeting.

#### **Conference entitled “Can sport build a better future” being held in Lansdowne Hotel, Belfast on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2014.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €13.43.

It was agreed that Cllr. B. Slattery attend this Conference.

#### **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Tourism Conference entitled “Folklore – Heritage – Tourism” being held in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2014.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €1.91 including conference fee of €25.

It was agreed that Cllr. O. Garry attend this Conference.

#### **Conference entitled “European Governance & Local Authorities” being held in Carlingford, Co. Louth on 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €75.92 including conference fee of €100.

It was agreed that Cllr. B. Slattery attend this Conference.

#### **Training Seminar entitled “Retirement Entitlements and Taxation Benefits for Councillors” being held in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork on 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €75.59 including conference fee of €100.

It was agreed that Cllr. B. Slattery attend this Conference.

#### **Training Seminar for Councillors entitled “Retirement planning for Councillors” being held in the Fairways Hotel, Dublin Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €51.46 including conference fee of €20.

It was agreed that Cllr. P.J. Kelly attend this Conference.

**Training Seminar for Councillors entitled “Reformed Local Government & the Councillor”  
being held in the Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co. Wexford on 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €22.03 including conference fee of €120.

It was agreed that Cllr. O. Garry attend this Conference.

The meeting then concluded.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Méara**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_