

Minutes of the July Monthly Meeting of Clare County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on Monday, 10th July, 2017 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. McMahan, M. McKee, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, B. Slattery, I. Lynch, M. Hillery, P.J. Kelly, B. Chambers, G. Keating.

Apologies:

Cllr. P. Murphy

- Mr. Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.
- Ms. Carmel Greene, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Karen Stackpoole, Staff Officer.
- Mr. Gerard Dollard, Director of Service.
- Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Service.
- Ms. Caroline O'Connor, Management Accountant.
- Mr. Urban McMahan, Head of Information Systems.
- Ms. Helen Walsh, County Librarian.
- Mr. John Leahy, Senior Engineer.
- Ms. Siobhán McNulty, Senior Executive Officer.
- Mr. Liam O'Connor, Administrative Officer.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Tom McNamara presided.

At the outset, Cllr. P. Hayes advised all of the historical importance of today's date as it is the 100th anniversary of the election of Éamon De Valera at the 1917 East Clare By Election. This was endorsed by all present.

Item 1: Minutes of Council Meeting.

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

“That the Minutes of the June Meeting of Clare County Council held on 12th June, 2017 be adopted and signed.”

Item 2: Minutes of Council Annual General Meeting.

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

“That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Clare County Council held on 23rd June, 2017 be adopted and signed.”

Item 3: Matters arising from actions at June meeting.

Consequent to recent discussions surrounding Shannon Airport the following motion was handed to the Meetings Administrator and read out by the Cathaoirleach and was proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllrs. P.J. Ryan, C. Curtin, P. McMahon, P. Daly, I. Lynch, A. Norton and M. Howard and agreed by all present:

“In view of the importance of Shannon International Airport to Clare and the Region that the Cathaoirleach invite the Minister for Transport Shane Ross to a future meeting of Clare County Council to address the Members on the issue”.

Item 4: Minutes of Municipal District Meeting.

a. Ar moladh Cllr. A. Norton
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Howard agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Ennis Municipal District Meeting held on the 5th May, 2017 be noted.”

b. Ar moladh Cllr. P. Daly
Cuidithe ag Cllr. A. Norton agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Ennis Municipal District Meeting held on the 13th June, 2017 be noted.”

Item 5: Minutes of S.P.C. Meetings.

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

“That the minutes of the Social Development S.P.C. meeting held on 7th March, 2017 be noted”.

b. Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn
Cuidithe ag Cllr. A. Norton agus glacadh leis

“That the minutes of the Social Development S.P.C. meeting held on 26th April, 2017 be noted”.

Item 6: Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting.

The members noted the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd June, 2017 as presented.

Item 7: Monthly Management Report.

The monthly management report attached to the agenda included key activities in the principal service areas and was noted by the members.

The members again commended the Chief Executive for the ongoing development of the newly formatted Monthly Management Report. Whilst they acknowledged the information provided in relation to legal costs under the various categories they asked that this information be further broken down in future publications.

Item 8: Social Housing Allocations Scheme.

Report dated 29th June, 2017 from Liam Conneally, Director of Service, Social Development was circulated with the agenda.

The report states that it is proposed to amend the current social housing allocation scheme, which was adopted by Council in June 2011. Direction has been received from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government to provide for Choice Based Lettings in all Social Housing Allocation Schemes. Choice Based Lettings effectively allows housing applicants to bid for properties that become available for letting. It is not proposed to introduce Choice Based Lettings in Clare, however provision must be made for it in our Allocation Scheme.

It is also proposed to make a number of amendments to the scheme in relation to the prioritization of housing applicants, succession tenancies, transfer requests and refusals of accommodation offers.

The draft scheme has been presented to the Social Development Strategic Policy Committee for consideration, at a workshop and subsequently agreed by the Social Development S.P.C.

In accordance with Section 22(15) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 a copy of the draft scheme has been forwarded to the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. The amendment of a social housing allocation scheme is a reserved function and is presented to the members pursuant to the provisions of Section 22 (10) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.

Liam O'Connor, Housing Department advised the members that the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government had requested that the following slight amendments be incorporated into the draft scheme, as presented to the members.

Section 2

The following regulations are to be referenced;

- Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2011 S.I. No. 321 of 2011
- Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) Regulations 2016 S.I. No. 288 of 2016

Section 1& 7

References to R.A.S., Lease and H.A.P. tenancies are to be amended to R.A.S. and Lease tenancies and households receiving H.A.P. support.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn

Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Chambers agus glacadh leis

“That pursuant to Section 22 (10) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, Clare County Council adopt the Draft Social Housing Allocation Scheme as circulated subject to the incorporation of the slight amendments”.

The members raised queries regarding succession of tenancy and length of priority on the housing list. Liam O’Connor, Housing Department responded to all queries raised by the members.

Cllr. M. Begley queried if plans could be put in place to set up a planned inspection programme for all local authority houses. In response, the Cathaoirleach advised that this could be considered further by the Strategic Policy Committee for Housing.

Item 9: Fix date for special meeting to discuss the Local Property Adjustment Factor (L.P.T.).

It was proposed by Cllr. B. Chambers and seconded by Cllr. B. Slattery and agreed by all present that the special meeting to discuss the Local Property Adjustment Factor (L.P.T.) will take place at 3:00 p.m. on 18th of September, 2017.

Item 10: Report in accordance with Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013 for the proposed development at Spanish Point Beach.

Report dated 30th June, 2017 from Ann Haugh, Director of Service, Physical Development together with the planning report was circulated with the agenda. The report outlines details of the proposed development at Spanish Point Beach.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Hillery

Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That pursuant to Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010, Clare County Council proceed with the proposed development at Spanish Point beach, Spanish Point, Co. Clare.”

Item 11: Proposed disposal of property at 14 St. Flannan’s Terrace, Clare Road, Ennis pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

Report dated 29th June, 2017 from Monica Meehan, Senior Executive Officer, Rural Development was circulated with the agenda together with map. The report states that it is proposed to dispose of property at 14, St. Flannan’s Terrace, Clare Road, Ennis. The report states that the property at 14, St. Flannan’s Terrace, Clare Road, Ennis was acquired by compulsory purchase order under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and became vested in the Council in June 2016. It is a derelict property located within a terrace of properties.

Ar moladh Cllr. A. Norton
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Daly agus glacadh leis

“Notice having been served pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Clare County Council approves pursuant to the powers vested on it at Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended, of the disposal of property at 14 St. Flannan’s Terrace, Ennis, Co. Clare subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 29th June, 2017.”

Item 12: Proposed disposal by means of lease property at Friar’s Walk, Ennis pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 to Glór Irish Music Ltd.

Report dated 23rd June, 2017 from Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department was circulated with the agenda together with map. The report states that it is proposed to dispose of property by way of lease to Glór Irish Music Centre Ltd.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn
Cuidithe ag Cllr. A. Norton agus glacadh leis

“Notice having been served pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Clare County Council approves pursuant to the powers vested on it at Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended, of the disposal of property at Friars Walk, Ennis by way of lease to Glór Irish Music Centre Ltd. subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 23rd June, 2017.”

Cllr. G. Flynn raised a number of queries in relation to the provision by Clare County Council of financial support and the nature of the proposed lease to Glór Irish Music Centre Ltd. In response the Chief Executive advised the members that Clare County

Council subsidises Glór in the region of €270,000 per year. It is his intention along with senior staff of Clare County Council to work with Glór in order to make it more sustainable into the future and ensure that good governance prevails.

Item 13: Proposed disposal of property at 45 Church Drive, Clarecastle, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

Report dated 21st June, 2017 from Liam Conneally, Director of Social Development was circulated with the agenda together with map. The report states that it is proposed to dispose of property at 45 Church Drive, Clarecastle.

Ar moladh Cllr. A. Norton
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Howard agus glacadh leis

“Notice having been served pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Clare County Council approves pursuant to the powers vested on it at Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended, of the disposal of property at 45 Church Drive, Clarecastle, Co. Clare subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 21st June, 2017.”

Item 14: Proposed disposal of property at Licknaun, Ballygriffey, Larchill, Ennis, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

Report dated 20th June, 2017 from Liam Conneally, Director of Social Development was circulated with the agenda together with map. The report states that it is proposed to dispose of property at Licknaun, Ballygriffey, Larchill, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Ar moladh Cllr. A. Norton
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Howard agus glacadh leis

“Notice having been served pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Clare County Council approves pursuant to the powers vested on it at Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended, of the disposal of property at Licknaun, Ballygriffey, Larchill, Ennis, Co. Clare subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 20th June, 2017.”

Item 15: Acceptance of nomination by George O’Callaghan, Chief Executive of the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board of Mr. Paul Patton as replacement for Aobhan Haverty on the Local Community Development Committee (L.C.D.C.).

Correspondence dated 8th June, 2017 from George O’Callaghan, Chief Executive, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board was circulated with the agenda. The correspondence states that Aobhan Haverty is stepping down as the L.C.E.T.B. nominee to Clare L.C.D.C. as she is taking up new duties at L.C.E.T.B. L.C.E.T.B.

now wish to nominate Paul Patton, Director of Further Education and Training as its nominee to Clare L.C.D.C.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Keating and seconded by Cllr. M. Howard and agreed by all present that Paul Patton be appointed to the Clare L.C.D.C. Board.

Item 16: Recommendation on grant allocations from the Community Fund of the Central Waste Management Facility, Ballyduffbeg, Inagh, Co. Clare.

Report dated 3rd July, 2017 from Anne Haugh, Director of Physical Development was circulated with the agenda. The report states that under the Government's Policy Statement on Waste Management "Changing Our ways", there was a recommendation that Local Authorities, working closely with local communities, should utilise a proportion of income from waste charges and gate fees to mitigate the impact of waste management facilities on these communities through appropriate environmental improvement projects. In compliance with this national recommendation, a community fund has been in operation by Clare County Council in relation to the Central Waste Management Facility at Ballyduff Beg, Inagh, for the development of sustainable environmental initiatives for the local community since the opening of the facility. A professional evaluation of the Community Fund was undertaken in 2008 and completed in 2009. Exodea Europe Consulting Ltd was engaged by Clare County Council to carry out the evaluation.

Following completion and awards of Grants up to the period ending December 2014, the amount available to close out the Central Waste Management Fund Community Fund is €62,515.

In consultation with the Community Liaison Monitoring Committee, a process was set up to assess applications under the Fund and an independent evaluation panel was put in place to make recommendations to Council for allocations from the fund. The role of the evaluation panel was to assess the validity of applications and make funding recommendations. The evaluation panel had the option to recommend a project for approval with or without specified conditions, reject an application with stated reasons or defer a decision due to insufficient information, following which a request for further information would be made to the applicant by the Council.

The makeup of the 2017 Evaluation Panel is as specified in the Exodea Community Fund Evaluation Report 2009 ie 3 elected Community Representatives, 1 County Council Representative, 1 External representative and 1 Independent Chairperson, with meeting minutes taken by Staff Officer, Environment Section, Clare Co. Council.

In November 2016, applications were invited for funding – through advertisements placed in the Clare Champion. A total of 10 applications were received and these were assessed by the independent Evaluation Panel. The Evaluation Panel met on 23rd February 2017 and has submitted formal recommendations in relation to the allocation of €13,542.20. 6 of the 10 applications received were deemed eligible, of

these, further information was requested from 4 groups, and 2 groups had submitted all necessary documents. Of those 4 applicants - only 2 groups returned the required information, to complete the evaluation process.

This has resulted in a total of 4 grant applications being recommended for funding as follows:-

Inagh Development Ltd	Installation of solar panels on sports community hall	€6,000
IKC Youth Club (Inagh, Kilnamona, Cloonanaha)	Purchase of youth club equipment	€2,642.20
Kilnamona Parish Council	Community project to clean, plant and maintain Kilnamona Cross	€1,700
Cloonanaha National School	Upgrade of school boiler	€3,200
	TOTAL	€13,542.20

As total funding of €62,515 was available, there remains a balance of €48,972.80. The recommendation of the Evaluation Panel is that a small grants scheme be advertised dedicated to those residents living in close proximity (1.5km) to the landfill. Approximately 56 residences are within the 1.5km buffer zone of the Central Waste Management Facility (exact numbers to be confirmed). It is proposed that these individual households be invited to submit proposals for the provision of improvements to properties with beneficial environmental consequences.

The report from Anne Haugh dated 3rd July and circulated with the Agenda was proposed by Cllr. B. Slattery and seconded by Cllr. Ml. Hillery and agreed by all present.

Item 17: Section 85 Agreement between Cork County Council and Clare County Council in relation to Social Housing Public Private Partnership in Shannon.

Report dated 10th July, 2017 from Liam Conneally, Director of Service was circulated with the agenda. The report states that the Social Housing PPP Programme is a partnership between the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, the Local Authorities involved, the National Development Finance Agency and a specially formed Project Company. It is proposed to build and supply houses in Shannon Town under this Programme.

Cork County Council will be acting as the lead authority for the delivery of the project and the NDFA are responsible for the procurement of the project and supervision of the Project Company during construction. Section 85 Agreements between Cork County Council and each of the other local authorities including Clare County Council is now required to facilitate the contract.

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

“Pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended Clare County Council hereby agrees to enter into an Agreement with Cork County Council whereby Cork County Council will carry out all of the functions of Clare County Council in respect of the Social Housing PPP (Bundle 2) Programme with the following exceptions:

- the nomination of tenants to be housed in the social housing development in the relevant local authority’s functional area,
- the calculation of the tenants’ differential rent,
- the role of landlord under the tenancy agreements and
- obtaining the necessary planning approvals and undertaking the public consultation procedures in respect of the development as required under the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations.

It is hereby resolved, under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, for Clare County Council to enter into Agreement with Cork County Council for the provision of the services as outlined above.”

Item 18: Consideration and endorsement of the “Inis Cealtra Visitor Management and Sustainable Tourism Development Plan, July 2017”.

Report dated 5th July, 2017 from Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner, Planning Department was circulated with the agenda. The report states that the Inis Cealtra Visitor Management and Sustainable Tourism Development Plan was commissioned by Clare County Council, following the purchase of the Island in 2015, to ensure the long-term conservation of this significant historical and cultural site, while expanding its attractiveness as a sustainable tourist destination for an increased number of visitors. Solearth Architecture were commissioned to prepare the plan and in conjunction with the Planning Department undertook extensive comprehensive research into all aspects of the island, as a heritage, tourism and cultural destination, and to formulate a series of comprehensive recommendations and objectives as to how to realise its potential in all of this regard in the short to medium term.

The plan was prepared over a 2 year period involving 4 public consultation events and a formal public consultation process in April of this year.

The draft Inis Cealtra Visitor Management and Sustainable Tourism Development Plan was placed on public display on 23rd March 2017 for a period of four weeks which resulted in a total of 18 written submissions. A presentation of the final plan and how the submission had been addressed in the plan was held on 6th July 2017. The plan includes a total of 27 objectives and culminates in a number of key conclusions/recommendation including a preferred site for the location of a visitor centre in Mountshannon, the nature, scale and type of services and facilities

considered appropriate on the island, the maximum capacity of the island to accommodate visitors, the key target visitor markets and the preferred access points onto the island.

The presentation of the final plan to the public on 6 July concluded a two-year plan preparation and public consultation process which has involved four workshops, over 200 attendees and the receipt and consideration of formal submissions to the plan. The plan provides a comprehensive framework for the future tourism development and visitor management for the island of Inis Cealtra. It is intended that this Plan will be the fundamental tool in bringing together the relevant stakeholders to implement the recommendations and objectives set out, in the pursuit of developing Inis Cealtra into a successful tourism destination in accordance with the vision set out in this Plan. It is respectfully request that the Elected Members of Clare County Council endorse this “*Inis Cealtra Visitor Management and Sustainable Tourism Development Plan*”

The report from Brian McCarthy dated 5th July and circulated with the Agenda was proposed by Cllr. P. Burke and seconded by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan and agreed by all present.

Item 19. Irish Water – ‘estates not taken in charge’

“That Clare County Council liaise with Irish Water in relation to their responsibilities re 'estates not taken in charge', to resolve the anomaly which currently exists vis a vis repair work on the supply network.” (M)

Cllr. M. McKee requested that this item be deferred to the September meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Curtin and seconded by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan and agreed by all present to take Items No.’s 27 & 34 next.

Item 27. Shannon Estuary Way.

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

“Following the launch of the Shannon Estuary Way initiative that Clare County Council provide a progress report on the development of the route including the distribution of the map to local businesses and tourism providers; the erection of signage and information boards, the introduction of a marketing campaign and outline what proposed works will be completed for this season.” (Q)

Gerard Dollard, Director of Economic Development replied as follows:

“The Shannon Estuary Way initiative is being led by Fáilte Ireland in partnership with the local authorities and other agencies.

Minister O'Donovan officially launched the map in Glin, County Limerick, in June 2017. A final copy of the map of the route will be distributed through Fáilte Ireland in the coming week. A digital version of the map is also being finalised and this will be uploaded on Fáilte Ireland's digital platform within 2 weeks of the map being printed.

It is proposed that the map will be distributed through the various TIO Network, Community Information Offices & Visitor Information Points on or near the route, Hotels in Limerick & Ennis, Car Ferry and key visitor attractions on the route. It is also proposed to have A1 laminate poster size for key attractions, Information offices and Ferry to have displayed in a prominent position.

Fáilte Ireland is currently working on the Navigational Strategy and will appoint a consultant to review the proposed route as indicated on the Shannon Estuary Way map, identify proposed locations for navigation signage and frequency of same, take into consideration existing and established pull ins, lay-bys and view points, prepare a schedule of works for proposed viewing areas in terms any remedial works required for car parking etc., identify optimal locations for Viewing Points along the route and prioritise in terms of scenic value and key stories to tell. This work should be completed by mid August.

The Council very much welcomes the development of the Shannon Estuary Way which offers significant tourism potential for areas in the county not traditionally seen as strong tourism locations. We will continue to work with Fáilte Ireland and local communities to maximise the potential from this initiative.”

Item 34. Social Welfare payments.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Crowe
Cuidithe ag Cllr. Ml. Begley agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council request the Department of Social Protection to review the conditions of social welfare payments to facilitate people to take up periods of unpaid work practice, especially students/mature students who have to participate in on the job training as part of a Third Level Course.”

The members were in agreement that this was a very important motion. Mature students from time to time take up work placement as part of their college course. Their job seekers benefit during this time is temporarily stopped. The student is left without any means of income. The members are looking for a review of this practice.

Item 20. Schedule of meetings.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin
Cuidithe ag Cllrs. G. Flynn, I. Lynch, M. Begley, P. McMahon, J. Breen, P.J. Kelly agus J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs outline the schedule of meetings (statutory and non-statutory) and workshops with subject matter and dates attended by Councillors in 2016 and in the interest of full engagement with the general public that this schedule is available on the website and released in a press statement to local and national media.”

Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services replied as follows:

“I attach herewith a document which lists the meetings and workshops attended by Councillors during the year 2016. The meetings and workshops are categorised as follows:

Page 1	Meetings of the full Council
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I have made efforts to ensure that all meetings attended are included but there may be some other meetings attended by members which were organised by other external bodies of which I am not aware.

I will arrange to put this information on Clare County Council’s website and issue a press release in respect of same, as requested in the motion.”

Date of Meeting	Full Council, Municipal District, SPC or Committee / nominees to Committees	Subject Matter of Meeting
11/01/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting
08/02/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting
07/03/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting
18/04/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting
09/05/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting
17/06/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting
27/06/2016	Full Council	Annual General Meeting
01/07/2016	Full Council	Draft CDP – Policy Workshop
07/07/2016	Full Council	Draft CDP – Policy Workshop
11/07/2016	Full Council	Draft CDP Workshop
11/07/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting
14/07/2016	Full Council	Draft CDP Workshop
14/07/2016	Full Council	Meeting to consider recommendation to appoint Chief Executive
25/07/2016	Full Council	Draft CDP
25/07/2016	Full Council	Special Meeting to consider Draft County Development Plan
12/09/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting
19/09/2016	Full Council	Local Property Tax Meeting
19/09/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting- adjourned
10/10/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting
24/10/2016	Full Council	Budget Briefing
11/11/2016	Full Council	Budget Meeting
14/11/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting
21/11/2016	Full Council	Amendments to Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
21/11/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting- adjourned
12/12/2016	Full Council	Amendments to Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
12/12/2016	Full Council	Statutory Monthly meeting
19/12/2016	Full Council	Amendments to Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
19/12/2016	Full Council	Special Meeting to adopt the County Development Plan

Date of Meeting	Full Council, Municipal District, SPC or Committee / nominees to Committees	Subject Matter of Meeting
04/01/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group monthly meeting
01/02/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group monthly meeting
29/02/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group monthly meeting
11/04/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group monthly meeting
18/04/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group meeting to discuss allocation of funding for roads
29/04/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group monthly meeting
08/06/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group monthly meeting
04/07/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group monthly meeting
07/07/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group meeting to discuss recommendation regarding appointment of Chief executive
25/07/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group meeting with Oireachtas Members
02/09/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group meeting with Oireachtas Members
05/09/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group monthly meeting
03/10/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group monthly meeting
07/11/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group monthly meeting
05/12/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Corporate Policy Group monthly meeting
26/09/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Budget discussions with CPG
03/10/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Budget discussions with CPG
18/10/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Budget discussions with CPG
28/10/2016	Corporate Policy Group	Budget discussions with CPG

Date of Meeting	Full Council, Municipal District, SPC or Committee / nominees to Committees	Subject Matter of Meeting
11/01/2016	SPC	Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee
08/02/2016	SPC	Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee
21/03/2016	SPC	Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee
09/05/2016	SPC	Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee
12/09/2016	SPC	Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee
14/11/2016	SPC	Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee

29/02/2016	SPC	Environment and Transport Strategic Policy Committee
30/05/2016	SPC	Environment and Transport Strategic Policy Committee
26/09/2016	SPC	Environment and Transport Strategic Policy Committee
28/11/2016	SPC	Environment and Transport Strategic Policy Committee

09/02/2016	SPC	Culture and Arts Strategic Policy Committee
10/05/2016	SPC	Culture and Arts Strategic Policy Committee
09/11/2016	SPC	Culture and Arts Strategic Policy Committee
15/12/2016	SPC	Culture and Arts Strategic Policy Committee

03/02/2016	SPC	Housing and Planning Strategic Policy Committee
06/04/2016	SPC	Housing and Planning Strategic Policy Committee
01/06/2016	SPC	Housing and Planning Strategic Policy Committee
07/09/2016	SPC	Housing and Planning Strategic Policy Committee
02/11/2016	SPC	Housing and Planning Strategic Policy Committee

Date of Meeting	Full Council, Municipal District, SPC or Committee / nominees to Committees	Subject Matter of Meeting
05/01/2016	Ennis Municipal District	GMA Ennis MD Allocation, Water Mains Rehab Scheme
05/01/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Ennis Municipal District
02/02/2016	Ennis Municipal District	St. Patrick's Day Parade Route, Water Mains Rehab update
02/02/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Ennis Municipal District
01/03/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Slieve Callan Cable Route Ennis Active Travel Town Proposals Fleadh 2016 Water Mains Rehab update
01/03/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Ennis Municipal District
05/04/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Community & Arts Grants 2016 Water Mains Rehab Update
05/04/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Ennis Municipal District
03/05/2016	Ennis Municipal District	JPC Sic Year Strategic Plan Community & Arts Grants 2016 Update on Slieve Callan Cable Water Mains Rehab Update Ennis Active Travel Update
03/05/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Ennis Municipal District
01/06/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive's Report on submissions received
07/06/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Clare County of Culture & Fleadh Water Mains Rehab Update Smarter Travel Project Community & Arts Grants 2016
07/06/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Ennis Municipal District
07/06/2016	Ennis Municipal District	AGM of Ennis Municipal District
16/06/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive's Report on submissions received
21/06/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive's Report on submissions received
23/06/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive's Report on submissions received
05/07/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Slieve Callan Cable Route Update Latoon Bridge Works Water Mains Rehab Update Community & Arts Grants 2016 Marketing Fund for Ennis Market
05/07/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Ennis Municipal District
06/07/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected

		Members re. Chief Executive's Report on submissions received
18/07/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive's Report on submissions received
25/07/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive's Report on submissions received

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06/09/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Water Mains Rehab Update Community & Arts Grants 2016 Active Ennis Sports Facilities Ennis Active Travel Update Ennis Market Rejuvenation Budget Market Advisory Committee Simms Lane Site Update Ennis MD Budget Update (AFS 2015) Slieve Callan Cable Route Update Virgin Media Broadband Ennis South Flood Scheme Cappahard Roundabout
06/09/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Ennis Municipal District
28/09/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Briefing on CEDRA Parnell Street & O'Connell Square
07/10/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Water Mains Rehab Update Simms Lane Site Update OPW Flood Risk Plans Budget Workshop
07/10/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Ennis Municipal District
21/10/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Meeting of Ennis Municipal District- Budget briefing
04/11/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Water Mains Rehab Update
04/11/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Ennis Municipal District
28/11/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Amendments to Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive's Report on submissions received
02/12/2016	Ennis Municipal District	SIRO Presentation New Ennis Library Project Christmas Parking Incentive
02/12/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Ennis Municipal District
06/12/2016	Ennis Municipal District	Amendments to Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive's Report on submissions received

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19/01/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Shannon Municipal District
26/01/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Special Meeting of Shannon Municipal District
22/02/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Special Meeting of Shannon Municipal District
04/03/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Shannon Municipal District
10/05/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Shannon Municipal District
02/06/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
02/06/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Special Meeting of Shannon Municipal District
24/06/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
28/06/2016	Shannon Municipal District	AGM of Shannon Municipal District
05/07/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
11/07/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
12/07/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Shannon Municipal District
20/09/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Briefing on Shannon Town Park Proposals
20/09/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Shannon Municipal District
4/10/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Meeting of Shannon Municipal District – budget workshop
26/10/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Meeting of Shannon Municipal District – budget briefing
08/11/2016	Shannon Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Shannon Municipal District

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20/01/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Killaloe Municipal District
09/03/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Killaloe Municipal District
18/04/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Presentation on Tobermurragh and Banefield

		Design Proposals
18/05/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Killaloe Municipal District
03/06/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
15/06/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
27/06/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	AGM of Killaloe Municipal District
04/07/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
20/07/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Killaloe Municipal District
21/09/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Presentation on updated/amended Tobermurragh and Banefield Design Proposals
21/09/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Killaloe Municipal District
05/10/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Meeting of Killaloe Municipal District – budget workshop
24/10/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Meeting of Killaloe Municipal District – budget briefing
16/11/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of Killaloe Municipal District
23/11/2016	Killaloe Municipal District	Amendments to Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
Date of Meeting	Full Council, Municipal District, SPC or Committee / nominees to Committees	Subject Matter of Meeting
18/01/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on Blakes Corner
18/01/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on Housing Matters
21/01/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Special Meeting of West Clare Municipal District
21/01/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of West Clare Municipal District
26/01/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on progress on Coastal Damage Projects
26/01/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Meeting on Draft Doolin Harbour & Parking Bye Laws 2016
26/01/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Special Meeting of West Clare Municipal District
22/02/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on Slieve Callan cable laying project
02/03/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Special Meeting of West Clare Municipal District
02/03/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of West Clare Municipal District

11/04/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on progress on Coastal Damage projects
03/05/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Meeting on Draft Doolin Harbour & Parking Bye Laws 2016
03/05/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of West Clare Municipal District
09/05/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Special Meeting of West Clare Municipal District
30/05/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
17/06/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
20/06/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
21/06/2016	West Clare Municipal District	AGM of West Clare Municipal District
01/07/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on Blakes Corner
11/07/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
12/07/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on Housing Matters
12/07/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of West Clare Municipal District
14/07/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on progress on Coastal Damage projects
14/07/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on housing matters
14/07/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
06/09/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of West Clare Municipal District
12/09/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on housing matters
26/09/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Meeting on Urban & Village Renewal Scheme for West Clare MD
04/10/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Meeting of West Clare Municipal District – budget workshop
05/10/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on CFRAMS
05/10/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on Budget 2017 & GMA
19/10/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on Doolin Masterplan
19/10/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Special Meeting of West Clare Municipal District
19/10/2016	West Clare Municipal District	West Clare Municipal District – Budget Briefing
01/11/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on Doolin Masterplan
17/11/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Monthly Meeting of West Clare Municipal District
23/11/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on Doolin Masterplan

24/11/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Amendments to Draft CDP – Workshop with Elected Members re. Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received
19/12/2016	West Clare Municipal District	Briefing on housing matters

Date of Meeting	Full Council, Municipal District, SPC or Committee / nominees to Committees	Subject Matter of Meeting
08/01/2016	Nominees to Committee	Southern Regional Assembly
12/02/2016	Nominees to Committee	Southern Regional Assembly
11/03/2016	Nominees to Committee	Southern Regional Assembly
08/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Southern Regional Assembly
13/05/2016	Nominees to Committee	Southern Regional Assembly
10/06/2016	Nominees to Committee	Southern Regional Assembly
08/07/2016	Nominees to Committee	Southern Regional Assembly
09/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Southern Regional Assembly
14/10/2016	Nominees to Committee	Southern Regional Assembly
11/11/2016	Nominees to Committee	Southern Regional Assembly
09/12/2016	Nominees to Committee	Southern Regional Assembly

02/01/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Authority Members Association executive meeting
30/01/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Authority Members Association executive meeting
05/03/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Authority Members Association executive meeting
19/03/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Authority Members Association executive meeting
30/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Authority Members Association executive meeting
04/06/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Authority Members Association executive meeting
02/07/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Authority Members Association executive meeting
03/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Authority Members Association executive meeting
24/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Authority Members Association executive meeting
05/11/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Authority Members Association executive meeting
10/12/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Authority Members Association executive meeting

28/01/2016	Nominees to Committee	Association of Irish Local Government plenary meeting
09/03/2016	Nominees to Committee	Association of Irish Local Government plenary meeting
28/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Association of Irish Local Government

		plenary meeting
30/06/2016	Nominees to Committee	Association of Irish Local Government plenary meeting
15/07/2016	Nominees to Committee	Association of Irish Local Government plenary meeting
28/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Association of Irish Local Government plenary meeting- AGM
17/11/2016	Nominees to Committee	Association of Irish Local Government plenary meeting

Date of Meeting	Full Council, Municipal District, SPC or Committee / nominees to Committees	Subject Matter of Meeting
13/01/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
20/01/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
21/01/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
27/01/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
10/03/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
16/03/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
22/03/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
23/03/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
20/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
13/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)- audit committee
19/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)- Reserved Board
26/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)- Reserved Board
05/05/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)- FAR meeting
18/05/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
01/07/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
08/07/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
12/07/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
20/07/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training

		Board. (LCETB)
20/07/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
27/07/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
23/08/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)- Special Management Meeting
01/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
14/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB) – Audit committee
16/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
20/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)

Date of Meeting	Full Council, Municipal District, SPC or Committee / nominees to Committees	Subject Matter of Meeting
21/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
18/10/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
22/11/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB)
30/11/2016	Nominees to Committee	Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board. (LCETB) Audit committee meeting

15/01/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Kilrush Amenity Trust
10/03/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Kilrush Amenity Trust
06/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Kilrush Amenity Trust
29/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Kilrush Amenity Trust
08/06/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Kilrush Amenity Trust
23/06/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Kilrush Amenity Trust
15/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Kilrush Amenity Trust

29/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd-Annual General Meeting
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29/02/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Management of Kilkee Waterworld
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21/11/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Management of Kilkee Waterworld
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14/10/2016	Nominees to Committee	Hunt Museum Trust
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13/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Clare Sports Partnership
09/11/2016	Nominees to Committee	Clare Sports Partnership
01/12/2016	Nominees to Committee	Clare Sports Partnership

01/12/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Traveller Accommodation Advisory Committee
15/12/2016	Nominees to Committee	Local Traveller Accommodation Advisory Committee

Date of Meeting	Full Council, Municipal District, SPC or Committee / nominees to Committees	Subject Matter of Meeting
08/02/2016	Nominees to Committee	Twinning Committee
11/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Twinning Committee
13/06/2016	Nominees to Committee	Twinning Committee
10/10/2016	Nominees to Committee	Twinning Committee

12/05/2016	Nominees to Committee	County Clare Road Safety Working Group
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25/01/2016	Nominees to Committee	County Rural Water Monitoring Committee
25/07/2016	Nominees to Committee	County Rural Water Monitoring Committee
09/11/2016	Nominees to Committee	County Rural Water Monitoring Committee

21/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Active Ennis Sports and Leisure Committee.
04/10/2016	Nominees to Committee	Active Ennis Sports and Leisure Committee.

26/01/2016	Nominees to Committee	Regional Health Forum West
23/02/2016	Nominees to Committee	Regional Health Forum West
22/03/2016	Nominees to Committee	Regional Health Forum West
26/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Regional Health Forum West Committee
24/05/2016	Nominees to Committee	Regional Health Forum West
28/06/2016	Nominees to Committee	Regional Health Forum West
27/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Regional Health Forum West
25/10/2016	Nominees to Committee	Regional Health Forum West – Committee
22/11/2016	Nominees to Committee	Regional Health Forum West

13/12/2016	Nominees to Committee	Regional Health Forum West
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17/10/2016	CEDRA Working Group	Update on REDZ projects, New REDZ Scheme 2016, CLAR 2016, National Action Plan for Rural Development
26/10/2016	CEDRA Working Group	CLAR and REDZ Project Proposals

08/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Western Inter County Railway Committee.
28/11/2016	Nominees to Committee	Western Inter County Railway Committee.

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25/01/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Clare Local Development Company
07/03/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Clare Local Development Company
25/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Clare Local Development Company
13/06/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Clare Local Development Company
11/07/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Clare Local Development Company
12/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Clare Local Development Company
28/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Clare Local Development Company
03/10/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Clare Local Development Company
07/11/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Clare Local Development Company
12/12/2016	Nominees to Committee	Board of Clare Local Development Company

03/02/2016	Local Community Development Committee	Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme, Annual Report, Local Development Strategy, Local Economic and Community Plan, Public Participation Network
17/02/2016	Local Community Development Committee	Social Inclusion and Community Activation

		Programme
30/03/2016	Local Community Development Committee	Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme, Local Development Strategy, Local Economic and Community Plan submissions, Public Participation Network
25/05/2016	Local Community Development Committee	Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme, Local Development Strategy, Local Economic and Community Plan
27/07/2016	Local Community Development Committee	Mid Year Review Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme, Local Development Strategy, Local Economic and Community Plan Implementation, Public Participation Network
28/09/2016	Local Community Development Committee	LEADER Programme presentation by CLDC, Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme, Town & Village Renewal
01/12/2016	Local Community Development Committee	Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme Annual Plan, Local Economic and Community Plan, Community Implementation Team, REDZ/CLAR funding.

27/03/2016	Nominees to Committee	Joint Policing Committee
09/05/2016	Nominees to Committee	Joint Policing Committee
11/07/2016	Nominees to Committee	Joint Policing Committee
27/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Joint Policing Committee

09/02/2016	Nominees to Committee	Audit Committee
12/04/2016	Nominees to Committee	Audit Committee
20/06/2016	Nominees to Committee	Audit Committee
20/09/2016	Nominees to Committee	Audit Committee
01/12/2016	Nominees to Committee	Audit Committee

Date of Meeting	Full Council, Municipal District, SPC or Committee / nominees to Committees	Subject Matter of Meeting
08/02/2016	Nominees to Committee	Standing Orders Sub-Committee.
23/05/2016	Nominees to Committee	Standing Orders Sub-Committee.
05/12/2016	Nominees to Committee	Standing Orders Sub-Committee.

26/02/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland - cruinniu den Údarás
05/04/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland - Strategy and Policy
07/04/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland - Academic Cub-committee
27/04/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland - cruinniu den Údarás
04/05/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland - Audit committee
10/05/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland - Strategy and Policy
17/05/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland - cruinniu den Údarás
29/06/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland- training meeting
21/09/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland- Audit committee
11/10/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland- Strategy and Policy
01/11/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland
29/11/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland- Academic Cub-committee
02/12/2016	Nominee to Committee	Governing Body of the National University of Ireland- cruinniu den Údarás

The members commended Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer for her very detailed and comprehensive response. They were unanimous in their support for this motion as previous governments had promised proper remuneration to reflect increased workloads for Councillors but this has not happened to-date. They also asked if this information could be published every year either on the Monthly Management Report or on the Clare County Council website.

Item 21. Presentation to Council by Clare I.F.A.

Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers
Cuidithe ag Cllr. A. Norton agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council invite Willie Hanrahan, Chairman of Clare I.F.A. to make a presentation to the Council members on the following issues:

- Areas of Natural Constraint Review (A.N.C.)
- TB in the county
- Flooding and flood defences.”

It was agreed by all present that Willie Hanrahan, IFA be invited to the September or October monthly meeting.

Item 22. Engagement of service providers.

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

“That this Council would review the present arrangements for engagement of service providers particularly plant hire operators, to ensure that all aspects of the Roads Programme and allied activities are completed within the scheduled time and in accordance with best practise.”

Anne Haugh, Director of Physical Development replied as follows:

“Clare County Councils engagement of service providers, such as plant hire operators, is carried out by mini competition, on an annual basis under the National Framework set up by Kerry County Council on behalf of all Local Authorities. This competition is undertaken by a process of competitive tender using the Open procedure. The Framework Contract is awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender (MEAT) or by the lowest price by application of the award criteria. The type of procedure used, whether MEAT or lowest price, will be stated at the competition stage.

Clare County Council is very conscious of best practice in the engagement of service providers such that they must have satisfactory experience & must be competent to carry out works in accordance with Health & Safety legislation, and must have successfully completed similar works to the contract being offered.

The engagement of service providers has not in the past negatively impacted on Clare County Councils Roadworks Programme.”

The members discussed this motion in detail. They were unanimous in their support. One of their main concerns was stability for the contractor. If tenders are on a yearly basis then contractors cannot commit to invest in their plant and machinery as fuel cost and insurance costs are too high along with the demands of compliance with health and safety regulations. They queried whether tender contracts could be longer. They also cited the rates of pay as a huge issue. The current rates are much lower than in the past. They queried if a minimum rate of pay can be set. Proper oversight and monitoring of the contractors is very important. Engineers should be in a position to sign off on the job prior to payment being made.

In response to the queries raised Anne Haugh, Director of Service clarified the position regarding rates of pay and how they come into play. She advised the members that there is very keen competition among operators in the market at present. She also explained that along with price, experience is also a factor. However, she stated that Clare County Council must operate within the National Procurement Framework and are bound by procurement rules.

In addition the Chief Executive acknowledged that whilst the procurement procedure is onerous it shouldn't prohibit any new contractor coming onto the market.

Item 23. Green way development.

Ar moladh Cllr. I. Lynch
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council proceed with public consultation on proposed green way development from Kilrush to Kilkee in tandem with the Ennis to Lahinch in order to ensure maximum funding opportunities for the West Clare Railway Greenway project as a whole.”

Anne Haugh, Director of Physical Development replied as follows:

“In recognition of previous consideration given to the proposed development of this section of the West Clare Railway Greenway project from Kilrush to Kilkee, Clare County Council can commence the process of public consultation and extend the survey work being undertaken to include this proposed section.

Any further development of the project would then be subject to landowner co-operation, and would have to satisfy all relevant environmental, archaeological and design standards as well as securing the necessary resources. In addition to the potential for funding of cycleways by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport, there may also be an option to secure funding for this project under future iterations of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.”

Item 24. Safety at junctions and footpaths.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn
Cuidithe ag Cllr. I. Lynch agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council put a policy in place throughout the four Districts to prioritise safety at all junctions and footpaths to enable the public use these public facilities in a safe manner and especially vulnerable people.

1. That sight lines at all junctions be improved to a specific standard to allow safer movements of traffic and especially members of the public who may be at higher risk due to disability or parents using buggies who have to cross at these locations.
2. That all footpaths be lowered at appropriate locations to allow safe use by people with disabilities and parents with buggies.
3. That damaged footpaths be promptly repaired or replaced.

What I am requesting from Clare County Council is a more proactive approach to dealing with necessary public facilities and this may reduce high cases of litigation against the council due to accidents”.

Anne Haugh, Director of Physical Development replied as follows:

“Safe use of public facilities by members of the public is paramount for Clare County Council in all of its activities. Sight lines at new or improved junctions are required to comply with relevant standards to ensure adequate inter-visibility between drivers and pedestrians. At other locations, particularly on the approaches to towns and villages, the Council undertakes hedge and/or grass cutting as appropriate in public areas in order to improve sight-lines.

In recent years the source of funding available to the Council for footpath works has been limited but every effort is made, when footpath works are being undertaken near junctions, to ensure that drop kerbs are installed to facilitate buggies and mobility-impaired members of the public.

The recent announcement of an additional retained earnings allocation by I.P.B. to the value of €2.55m is intended to assist the Council in becoming more proactive in addressing potential litigation due to slips, trips and falls at high risk locations. Prior to development of a programme of works the Council will be engaging with I.P.B. to review current practices for risk management – as well as identifying those hot spots, which should be prioritised for attention. The outcome of this engagement together with local knowledge and claims history will inform a programme of works which will include necessary infrastructural improvements on footpaths in towns and villages among measures to address other potential risks.”

The members emphasised the need to ensure that value for money is achieved in the expenditure of the additional retained earnings from I.P.B. Some sought that this funding be split evenly between the four municipal districts.

The Chief Executive in response stated that the funding is to be aimed towards reducing risks and a programme of works will be developed in conjunction with I.P.B. to identify the high risk areas and he will discuss same further with each of the

municipal districts. He further clarified that the programme of works will be based on claims made and potential for claims and thus may not be evenly distributed between the municipal districts.

Cllr. Crowe reminded the members that the Fix Your Street website is a national mechanism for the public to record or log issues or problems with their specific local authority in relation to roads, footpaths etc. He asked if this could be publicised more as it is relevant to every corner of the County.

Item 25. Housing accommodation.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Crowe

“In order to support those waiting for housing accommodation I propose that:

1. Clare County Council establish a company (special purpose vehicle) to fast-track the provision of new housing stock.
2. Clare County Council include a regularly updated accommodation portal on their website so that those seeking suitable rental accommodation can easily get in touch with landlords and leasing agents.”

Liam Conneally, Director of Social Development replied as follows:

“In response to **1)** above the suggested benefits of a housing S.P.V. to speed up the delivery of the Council’s housing capital programme and the advancement of housing capital schemes are already being addressed in the Social Development directorate as follows;

- a)** a dedicated housing acquisition team to focus on the purchase of housing and residential lands in the open market including advertising and assessment of lands and housing opportunities in Clare has recently been put in place,
- b)** the use of Part VIII, Planning process to progress schemes through planning within a set timeframe is in place,
- c)** the use of the Housing Department’s Consultants framework to enable efficient tendering and appointment of design consultancy as required to deliver schemes is already in place,
- d)** the development of partnerships with other agencies (including Approved Housing Bodies) for the delivery of housing off-balance sheet such as the Public Private Partnership Social Housing Bundle 2 with the National Development Financing Agency programme (where 50+ units will be delivered to Clare County Council in exchange for providing the site) is already happening, and
- e)** the exploration of other means of delivery of Council lands such as competitive dialogue/negotiated procedure is being used by the Council in the delivery of housing in the county.

For the reasons above, the Council's Social Directorate in-house teams are currently performing as well if not better than a S.P.V. in the delivery of housing units in Clare. The efficiency of the Council's model of delivery is reviewed quarterly through the Social Directorate: Business Service Plan 2017 review process.

2) While Clare County Council provides, via the Housing Assistance Payment scheme, help to qualified individuals/families to pay their rent in private rented accommodation, the Council has no role in the sourcing of the private rented accommodation. In this regard individuals can type a simple search into an internet search engine such as "property to rent in Clare" and will immediately be directed to current property websites listing private rented accommodation available in the county along with contact details of the estate agents / landlords of same. Where an individual wishes to source private rented accommodation online this would be seen as the appropriate route rather than a series of links from Clare County Council's website. It is also important that the Council would not find itself in a position of promoting one property website over another."

Cllr. C. Crowe thanked the Director of Service for his response. He cited Section 110 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 which allows for the creation of an SPV. This has been trialed in parts of the Country and used a lot in the UK eg. Lambeth County Council. He was of the view that HAP isn't working as landlords are refusing to accept it. Therefore, on the proposal of Cllr. Crowe and seconded by Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy it was agreed by all members present to refer this matter to the Strategic Policy Committee for Social Development for further consideration.

The Chief Executive replied in stating that Clare County Council has been pro-active in the provision of housing units. It is the housing authority and works well in partnership with many other bodies. There is merit in the SPV's as they can be innovative and it would be beneficial to refer this matter to the SPC for further consideration.

Item 26. Housing grant schemes.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Hillery

"That the management of Clare County Council would provide the following information in relation to the following grant schemes;

- Housing adaption grant for people with disabilities,
 - Housing aid for older people,
 - Mobility Aids Grants,
1. How many applications for each of the above schemes are on hand awaiting approval?
 2. What is the expected time lag between application and approval for each of the above?
 3. What amount of capital would be required to clear the backlog?"

Liam Conneally, Director of Social Development replied as follows:

The number of grant applications on 30th June 2017 for the above schemes is as follows:

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability	121
Housing Aid for Older People	225
Mobility Aids Grant	119
Total number of applications on hand	465

Applications are assessed in accordance with the Grant Implementation Schemes Policy adopted by Clare County Council in June 2010. The length of time from receipt of application to approval of grant depends on the grant type however the process takes on average 6-9 months for the Housing Adaptation and Mobility Aid grant and ~18 months for the Housing Aid for Older Persons grant.

The timeframe from receipt of application to issuing of grant is as follows:

Validation	-	1 month
Technical report	-	6-10 weeks
Final assessment	-	1-4 weeks
Approval process & payment	-	1-8 weeks

Notwithstanding the above process timing final approval for any of the above grants will not issue unless the Council is in sufficient funds to cover the cost of the works involved. For this reason the final approval stage can take significantly longer. This is a financial reality.

It is also important to note that we do expedite applications on medical/compassionate grounds based on supporting information being put forward by the relevant H.S.E. medical professionals.

Based on average grant approvals over the last 12 months I estimate that the following capital allocation under each scheme would be required in order to clear the current waiting list. It should be noted that on average 380 applications are received in a calendar year.

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability	€786,500
Housing Aid for Older People	€1,462,500

Mobility Aids Grant	€773,500
Total Capital required	€3,022,500

Cllr. M. Hillery asked that a special case be made to the Department for funding in order to clear the number of applications on hand.

In response, the Chief Executive stated that if any additional funding becomes available then the Council will make a submission for same as per the wishes of the members.

Item 28. Fracking.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn
Cuidithe ag Cllr. A. Norton agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council in its review of its County Development Plan reflect the wishes of the elected council to ban fracking in Clare and to bring the plan into line with the recent adoption into law of a private members piece of legislation banning fracking which was introduced by Fine Gael TD Tony McLoughlin.”

Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner replied as follows:

“I am advised that “*The Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Prohibition of Onshore Hydraulic Fracturing) Bill*” was signed into law by the President on 6th July, effectively banning on-shore “fracking”. Indeed you will recall a Notice of Motion in 2012 agreed by Clare County Council requesting the Legislature to ban fracking.

Having regard to the national prohibition on fracking backed by legislation and that the Local Authority would not, in any case, be the consenting authority in relation to a licence or application for fracking, it is considered that as they stand the existing policies and objectives of the Clare County Development Plan cater for the wishes and sentiments as expressed in this motion. Having said that, in the review of the Clare County Development Plan, the wishes of the Members in relation to the ban on fracking will be incorporated.”

The members thanked Brian McCarthy for his reply. They were unanimous in their support that the sentiments of this motion be catered for in any review of the County Development Plan.

The Chief Executive endorsed the reply to the notice of motion stating that any future review will put this issue beyond further doubt.

The members also asked if a letter be sent to Fine Gael TD Tony McLoughlin commending him for his work on this very important issue.

Item 29. Micro business hubs.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin

“That the Director of Services up-date the Council on the details and locations of micro business hubs identified for Clare towns as referenced by the Chief Executive in his June Monthly Management Report to the Council.”

Urban McMahon, A/Director of Service, Rural Development Directorate replied as follows:

“Apart from the Business Hub being developed in Kilrush two other locations have been identified where the establishment of Micro – hubs is being progressed. These locations are namely Feakle and Miltown Malbay where hot desk facilities will be made available on a pre booking basis to small enterprises, businesses and individuals for a nominal fee.

Feakle: This facility will be located in the old creamery building which has been refurbished. The facility will comprise of 8-10 hot desks which will support a number of working environments such as graphic design, sales and marketing and general administration. Printing, scanning and full Audio Visual facilities will be provided. Conference and meeting room facilities will also be made available to rent at this location. This is being done in partnership with the Clare Bus Company who are located in this building. The unit will also be serviced by a HI-Speed Broadband internet connection which is essential for the provision of such services.

Miltown Malbay: This facility will be located in a unit located on the main Street in Miltown Malbay. The facility will comprise 5-7 hot desks which similar to Feakle will support a number of working environments such as graphic design, sales and marketing and general administration and have printing, scanning and full Audio Visual facilities available. The unit will also be serviced by a HI-Speed Broadband internet connection which is essential for the provision of such services.

Other proposals: Hot Desk facilities and business incubation units are also incorporated in the proposed Social Innovation Centre to be located in Ennistymon. Clare County Council is also actively looking at locations which will provide similar facilities to service the Ennis Area.”

Item 30. Civic Reception for Stockton’s Wing

Ar moladh Cllr. A. Norton

Cuidithe ag Cllrs. C. Colleran Molloy agus P. Daly agus glacadh leis

“That Clare Council County give a civic reception for Stockton’s Wing celebrating 40 years.”

It was agreed by all present that the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services would liaise with the Management of Stockton’s Wing in order to select a suitable date for this Civic Reception.

Item 31. Valuation Act.

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

“That the Government, in the proposed amendment of the 1833 Valuation Act, adopt the principle of profitability as opposed to area as its objective.”

Cllr. P.J. Kelly stated that Governments over time have failed to take cognisance of the real changes in the world and of the inability of ratepayers to pay their rates. The economic survival of towns in County Clare depends on changing the rateable valuation. The Valuation Act is archaic, colonial and punitive by its very nature and needs to be changed as it’s not working. It is totally out of date with modern times and needs to take account of ability to pay.

After further discussion on this matter it was proposed by Cllr. C. Curtin and seconded by Cllr. P.J. Ryan and agreed by all present to write to the Chief Whips of each of the Government parties and non-parties.

Item 32. Historical Theme Park in Bunratty.

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

“I once again ask Shannon Group to examine the possibility of setting up a Historical Theme Park in Bunratty as it could be a major all year round attraction and bring extra jobs and revenue to the whole of Clare and the Mid West Region in general.”

Cllr. P. McMahon wished to congratulate the Shannon Group and staff on the very successful Folk Park at Bunratty. However, he stated that 99% of visitors to the Folk Park are adults. He is of the opinion that a Historical Theme Park in Bunratty would be a massive boost to the tourism industry in the West of Ireland. He stated that Ireland can support two theme parks. Tayto Park on the east coast and another on the west coast. This venture could be executed via a Public Private Partnership. Up to now he has been met with a wall of silence from the airport. He is of the opinion that this is a massive opportunity and should not be overlooked.

The members asked for an update on the Council representation on the Shannon Board. The Chief Executive, in response, advised that there are vacancies on the Board which will be advertised through the Public Appointments Commission and he will pursue this as per the wishes of the members.

Item 33. Public Service Charge on Electricity Bills.

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

“That this Council requests that the Minister for Energy, Denis Naughten would look into reducing/eliminating the Public Service Charge (P.S.O.) on electricity bills for the elderly.”

Cllr. P.J. Ryan stated that this was an unfair tax burden on the elderly as it supports private industry. They have paid their taxes over the years to support this economy. The cost is €13.60 every two months on top of standing charges. It must be reduced or eliminated.

Item 35. CERT Training.

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

“I request that Clare County Council write to Minister for Finance Mr. Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Education, Mr. Richard Bruton and Minister of State at the Department of Education with special responsibility for Higher Education, Ms. Mary Mitchell - O'Connor to consider bringing back CERT, the State Tourism Training agency to address the current crisis within the hospitality sector, that of a shortage of chefs and skilled hospitality staff”.

The Cathaoirleach joined the Chief Executive in wishing the members an enjoyable summer break.

Item 36. Comhfhreagras. Correspondence.

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.

Correspondence.

The following correspondence was circulated with the agenda:

1. Correspondence dated 26th June, 2017 from Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner in relation to Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Development) Regulations 2017 and Related Commencement Order.
2. Correspondence dated 29th June, 2017 from John J. Burke, Elevate - Raising the Banner for Youth Wellness in relation to civic reception held in June.
3. Correspondence dated 28th June, 2017 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to verge trimming.

4. Correspondence dated 6th June, 2017 from Shannon Group in relation to Shannon Airport.
5. Correspondence dated 20th June, 2017 from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in relation to re-introduce an adequately financed Local Improvement Scheme for minor rural roads.
6. Correspondence dated 19th June, 2017 from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Rural Affairs in relation to resolution to allow roll-over of 2017 budget in addition to 2018 budget.
7. Correspondence dated 21st June, 2017 from the Office of the Taoiseach in relation to Major Emergency events.
8. Correspondence dated 22nd June, 2017 from the Department of Finance in relation to Blood Bike Volunteers.
9. Correspondence dated 28th June, 2017 from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in relation to the Burren Chernobyl Project.
10. Resolution circulated by Tipperary County Council in relation to the Regional Health Forum Committees.
11. Resolution circulated by Tipperary County Council in relation to children's allowance.
12. Resolution circulated by Sligo County Council in relation to the LGMA.
13. Resolution circulated by Sligo County Council in relation to ratifying the United National Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
14. Douglas Hyde Conference 2017 taking place in Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon on 13th – 15th July, 2017.
15. Annual WSTG Conference taking place in Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny on 7th September, 2017.
16. Preliminary Notice of LAMA 2017 Autumn Training Seminar taking place in Hotel Manila, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on 29th & 30th September, 2017.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____