

13th September 2017.

To: The Cathaoirleach and Members of Westmeath County Council

A Cathaoirleach agus Comhaltaí,

I should be obliged if you would arrange to attend the **September Monthly Meeting** of Westmeath County Council, to be held on **Monday next, 18th September 2017 at 3.00pm** in **Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar** to consider the items set out on the Agenda hereunder

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Billy Coughlan
Meetings Administrator

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1. Miontuairiscí.

- (i) To approve the minutes of July Monthly meeting of Westmeath County Council held in Council Chambers, Athlone Civic Offices, Church St., Athlone on Monday, 24th July 2017 at 3.00 p.m.
- (ii) To note the minutes of CPG meeting of Westmeath County Council held in the Board Room, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar on Wednesday 19th July 2017 at 8.30 a.m.
- (iii) To note the minutes of Mullingar Municipal District meeting of Westmeath County Council held in Council Chambers, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar on Monday, 10th July 2017 at 2.00pm.

- (iv) To note the minutes of the Athlone Municipal District Meeting held in Civic Centre, Church Street, Athlone on Monday, 3rd July 2017 at 3.00 p.m.
- 2. **Management Report**
- 3. **Chief Executive Orders**
- 4. **Disposal of Land/Property:**
 - (i) Proposed disposal of Plot of ground comprised in Folio 19246 Co. Westmeath at Lismacaffrey, Co. Westmeath, to Tony and Kathleen Boyce in accordance with the terms of Section 183 Notice of the Local Government Act 2001 circulated within the specified period.
 - (ii) Proposed disposal of 1.386 acres at Golden Island, Athlone and circa 0.259 acres at Creggan Upper, Athlone to Tony Diskin or his nominees in accordance with the terms of Section 183 Notice of the Local Government Act 2001 circulated within the specified period
 - (iii) Proposed disposal of circa 0.015 acres to rear of 22 Ave Maria Park, Moate to Mark Dolan and Louise Kerr or their nominees in accordance with the terms of Section 183 Notice of the Local Government Act 2001 circulated within the specified period.
- 5. **To fill casual vacancy in the membership of Westmeath County Council arising from the resignation of Cllr. Avril Whitney.**
- 6. **To appoint 1 member to the Transportation and Planning SPC.**
- 7. **To appoint 1 member to the Board of Mullingar Integrated Arts Centre.**
- 8. **To appoint 1 member to Longford and Westmeath Education and Training Board.**
- 9. **To consider the making of Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) (County of Westmeath) Bye Laws 2017**
- 10. **To consider variation of the basic rate of Local Property Tax under section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended)**
- 11. **To note Chief Executive's Report on Local Improvement Schemes**
- 12. **To consider Chief Executive's Report on the Part 8 Planning Process for Athlone Flood Alleviation Scheme - Flood Cell 3 -The Quay Athlone.**

13. **To consider Chief Executive's Report on the Part 8 Planning Process for the extension of Athlone Fire Station.**
14. (i) **To consider the taking in charge of the following housing estates:**
- a. Drumaconn, Athlone
 - b. Crofton Court, Moate
 - c. Canal Walk, Athlone
- (ii) **To commence the taking in charge process for the following housing estate:**
- d. The Orchard, Athlone
15. **Motions:**
- Deferred Motions:**
- (i) **Cllr. John Shaw and Cllr. Paddy Hill:**

That Westmeath County Council make the following variations to the County Development Plan 2014-2020

11.8 Local Housing Need Policy P-LHN1

It is a policy of Westmeath Co Council to permit residential development in areas outside of the development boundaries of the settlement hierarchy subject to the following circumstances

1. Persons who are actively engaged in Agriculture, horticulture, forestry, bloodstock and peat industry. No change
2. Members of farm families seeking to build on the family farm. No change
3. *Landowners for this purpose being defined as persons who own the land 5 years prior to the date of planning application.*
4. Persons employed locally whose employment would provide a service to the local community. No change
5. Persons who have personal, family or economic ties within the area including returning emigrants. No Change
6. Persons who wish to return to farming and who buy or inherit a substantial farm holding which is kept intact as an established farm unit, will be considered by the council to be farmers and will be open to consideration for a rural house as farmers. Where there is already a house on the holding

refurbishment or replacement of this house is the preferred option. No Change

The local area for the purpose of this policy is defined as the area generally within a 10km radius of the applicant's family home.

11.20 Areas of High Amenity

P-AHA2

To restrict development not related to farm practices and tourism in all high amenity areas with the exception of housing for the immediate family (son/ daughter) of established residents living on landholdings, who demonstrate a housing need and have long term intrinsic links with the area. *The entire landholding will be demonstrated to have been in the resident's ownership 5 years prior to the date of application.*

(ii) Cllr. Tom Farrell:

"That Westmeath County Council would set out in detail its policy "on local needs" for adjudicating on "one off" planning applications together with a view from the Executive on inconsistencies with adjoining counties".

16. Recommendation(s) from Corporate Policy Group

- a) That the Mayor of Athlone Municipal District confer an address of recognition to the local delegates of the European People's Festival for winning the prestigious Fair Play Award, at the Luan Gallery, Athlone on 30th September 2017.
- b) That a Civic Reception be granted to the Members and Management of Westmeath Camogie Team on winning the All Ireland Premier Junior Camogie Championship.
- c) That the following Budget Meeting dates be agreed:
 - Preliminary Budget Meeting Monday 20th November at 10am
 - Statutory Budget Meeting Monday 27th November at 10am.

17. To receive reports and recommendations from SPC Chairpersons:

18. Correspondence

19. Aon Gnó Eile