

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 27<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2004 IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE AT 11.00 A.M.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor	William Aird	In the Chair
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Councillors	John Bonham Ray Cribbin James Deegan John Joe Fennelly David Goodwin Larry Kavanagh Jerry Lodge Paul Mitchell Brendan Phelan Michael Rice Mary Sweeney	Paddy Bracken James Daly Bill Delaney Catherine Fitzgerald Thomas Jacob Michael Lalor Dick Miller Michael Moloney Martin Phelan Brian Stanley

**Apologies:** Councillor Seamus McDonald  
Councillor John Moran  
Councillor Michael Turley

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Messers Gerry Gibson County Manager, Martin Daly, A/Director of Services, John Daly, Director of Services, Louis Brennan, Director of Services, Peter Scully, Head of Finance, Gerry Gillen, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs, Ms. Marie O'Hora, A/Assistant Staff Officer.

**1016. DURATION OF MEETING**

Due to the visit of Mary McAleese, Uachtaráin na hÉireann to Portlaoise it was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 12.30 p.m. to facilitate the attendance of the Cathaoirleach and members at various functions.

**1017. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposition of Councillor Ray Cribbin seconded by Councillor James Daly, the minutes of the September Monthly Meeting of Laois County Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2004 were confirmed and signed.

**1018. TRIBUTE TO MR. PETER SCULLY, HEAD OF FINANCE ON HIS RETIREMENT**

Many tributes, led by the Cathaoirleach, were paid to Mr. Peter Scully, Head of Finance who is retiring, after forty one years. The members and management

representatives present joined in the tributes and Mr. Scully thanked everyone for their kind remarks.

**1019. REPORTS OF THE JULY AND SEPTEMBER AREA COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

On the proposition of Councillor Ray Cribbin, seconded by Councillor James Daly the Reports of the July and September Area Meetings of Laois County Council were noted.

**1020. (a) Civil Defence Circular 10/04 - Revision of Remuneration -  
Application of Phase 2 of pay increases under Sustaining Progress**

On the proposition of Councillor John Joe Fennelly, seconded by Councillor James Daly the members unanimously agreed to the Revision of Remuneration - Application of Phase 2 of pay increases under Sustaining Progress.

**(b) Veterinary Inspectors - ref. E3/31/3A - Revision of Remuneration  
Due under section 19.18 of Sustaining Progress with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July  
2004.**

On the proposition of Councillor Ray Cribbin, seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney the members unanimously agreed to the revision of Remuneration due under Section 19.18 of Sustaining Progress with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004.

**(c) EL 8/04 - Local Authority Staff: application of Phase 2 of the Pay  
increases under sustaining Progress from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004.**

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Lalor, seconded by Councillor Paul Mitchell, the members unanimously agreed to payment of Phase 2 of the Pay increase under sustaining progress with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004.

**(d) LG 22/04 - Expenses of Members**

On the proposition of Councillor Ray Cribbin, seconded by Councillor John Bonham the members unanimously agreed the payment of expenses of members.

**1021. Fix dates for October and December Meetings of Laois County Council.**

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Moloney, seconded by Councillor Ray Cribbin, the members unanimously agreed to the fix October 18<sup>th</sup> 2004 as the date for October Monthly Meeting and December 13<sup>th</sup> 2004 as the date for the December Monthly Meeting of Laois County Council.

**1022. Taking in Charge of Mell Street, Kilminchy, Portlaoise**

On the proposition of Councillor William Aird, seconded by Councillor Lodge, Members unanimously agreed to the taking in charge of Mell Street, Kilminchy, Portlaoise.

**1023. Taking in Charge of Ballinlough Lower Group Water Scheme**

On the proposition of Councillor James Daly, Seconded by Councillor Dick Miller, the members unanimously agreed the taking in charge of Ballinlough Lower Group Water Scheme.

**1024. Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 2001 in respect of:**

- (a) **Demolition of existing reservoir and construction of new 1000 cubic meter reservoir and associated site works at Ballyadams Td., Ballyadams, Co. Laois.**

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Rice, seconded by Councillor James Daly the members unanimously agreed to the demolition of existing reservoir and the construction of new 1000 cubic meter reservoir and associated site works at Ballyadams Td., Ballyadams, Co. Laois.

- (b) **Construction of 1000 cubic meter reservoir and associated site works in connection with Killenard group water scheme.**

On the proposition of Councillor Ray Cribbin seconded by Councillor James Deegan the members unanimously agreed to the construction of 1000 cubic meter reservoir and associated site works in connection with Killenard group water scheme.

**1025. Disposal of land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 in respect of:**

- (a) **Disposal of Freehold property at Chapel Street, Ballyroan**

On the proposition of Councillor Mary Sweeney, seconded by Councillor John Bonham, the members unanimously agreed to the disposal of freehold property at Chapel Street, Ballyroan to the legal representatives for the sum of €127.00.

- (b) **Disposal of 2 units at Kea Lew Business Park**

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor Michael

Moloney the members unanimously agreed to the disposal of 2 units at Kea Lew Business Park, Portlaoise Co. Laois by way of total site fine of €177,000.00.

**(c) Disposal of 2 acres of un-serviced land at Johnstown Road, Rathdowney**

Prior to consideration of this matter Councillor Brendan Phelan declared an interest in same and absented himself from the Chamber while the matter was being considered.

On the proposition of Councillor Bill Delaney seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly the members unanimously agreed to the disposal of 2 acres of un-serviced land at Johnstown Road, co Laois subject to certain conditions and a site fine of €116,000.00.

**(d) Disposal of 1.12 acres at Portarlington Industrial Estate**

On the proposition of Councillor Ray Cribbin seconded by Councillor Paul Mitchell the members unanimously agreed to the disposal of 1.12 acres at Portarlington Industrial Estate to Portarlington Community Development Association T/A Portarlington Enterprise Centre Ltd. By way of a site fine of €100.00 and subject to certain conditions.

**(e) Disposal of land at Borris Road, Portlaoise**

On the proposition of Councillor William Aird, seconded by Councillor Brian Stanley the members unanimously agreed to the disposal of land at Borris Road, Portlaoise to the Minister for Justice Equality & Law Reform - Amendment to the resolution.

**1026. Consideration of the Manager's Report on the Review of the County Development Plan.**

The members noted the County Manager's Report which has been circulated. Members had also afforded an opportunity to consider same and raise other issues at a day long Seminar on 13<sup>th</sup> September. A report on the outcome of the Seminar was also circulated at the meeting. The members raised queries and commented on various matters arising there from. Ms. Angela McEvoy, Senior Executive Planner responded to the items raised. She also outlined the process of the programme for the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. The members noted the position and agreed to the preparation of the Draft Plan.

**1026. 2005 E.U. Co-Financed Scheme of Grants for improvement works on Non National Roads.**

On the proposition of Councillor Jerry Lodge seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan members welcomed the funding

**1027. Additional Allocation of €203,000 for Class 11 and 111 Tertiary Roads from the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government**

On the proposition of Councillor David Goodwin, seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly the spending of the additional allocation of €203,000, as circulated, was agreed.

**1028. Correspondence**

Correspondence from Councillor Brian Stanley regarding his nomination of Ms. Dana Rosemary Scallon to be a candidate in the election for President of Ireland was read to the meeting by The Cathaoirleach. After discussion it was agreed to hold a Special Meeting of the Council at 8p.m. on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2004 to further consider this matter.

The meeting then concluded.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**CERTIFIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DIRECTOR**  
**CORPORATE AFFAIRS**