

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LAOISE
LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

Áras an Chontae,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois.

January 25th 2005

**TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH & EACH MEMBER OF LAOIS COUNTY
COUNCIL**

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de Comhairle Chontae Laoise i Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise Dé
Luain -31ú Eanáir 2005 ar 11.00 a.m. chun an gnó seo leanas a chur i gcrích.

Tá orm a iarraigh ort bheith i láthair.

You are requested to attend the January Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise on **Monday 31st January 2005 at 11.00 a.m.** to consider the matters referred to on the Agenda hereunder.

Mise le meas,

Gerry Gillen
Senior Executive Officer
Corporate Affairs Department

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AGENDA

- (1) Notice of Intention to propose a resolution under Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001 submitted in the names of Cllrs. William Aird, Brian Stanley, Mary Sweeney, Jerry Lodge, Thomas Jacob and Catherine Fitzgerald.

"Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 140(3) of the Local Government Act 2001 that Laois County Council intends to consider a resolution under Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001 in the following form:

That the Manager do cause the publication and service of the relevant statutory notices for a proposed variation of the Development Plan in accordance with the procedure prescribed for that purpose under Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act, 2001 to facilitate the zoning of lands situated at Rathbrennan and Ballyclyder, Barony of Maryborough East, County of Laois the subject of Folios:

14198F County Laois
9951F County Laois (Part),
75 (Rev.) County Laois (Part),
9547F County Laois (Part),
9128F County Laois.

more particularly shown outlined in green on the attached map (Ordnance Map Ref:13/7, 13/11) to mixed use zoning under the Laois County Development Plan, 2000.

The above resolution shall be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Council on the 31st day of January 2005."

- (2)
 - (a) Confirmation of minutes of the December Meeting held on the 13th of December 2004 (documentation enclosed)
 - (b) Confirmation of minutes of the Budget Meeting in committee held on the 17th of December 2004 (documentation enclosed)
 - (c) Confirmation of minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting held on the 20th of December 2004 (documentation enclosed)
- (3) Report on December Area Committee Meetings of Laois County Council for noting (documentation enclosed)
- (4)
 - (a) Performance Verification Under Sustaining Progress General Operatives and Related Grades - payment of the 2nd phase of the benchmarking increase and the 3% & 2% general round increases due with effect from 01/01/05 and 01/07/05 in accordance with Circular letter dated 07/01/05.
 - (b) Representational Payment for Councillors in accordance with Circular letter LG 27/04.
- (5) Nomination of remaining four members to the Vocational Educational Committee (documentation enclosed).

- (6) Consider Draft Laois County Development Plan 2005. (documentation enclosed).
- (7) Material Contravention of the Laois County Development Plan 2000 in relation to Planning Reference: 04/1099 - Application for permission to:
- (a) Construct a new section of road diverting the N80 Mountmellick Road to a new junction with the proposed Portlaoise Western Circular Relief Road,
 - (b) Construct a section of the Portlaoise Western Circular Relief Road including a roundabout,
 - (c) Construct a supermarket providing 1,000 sq. m of retail space at ground floor and a coffee shop with 194 sq. m retail space at first floor,
 - (d) Construct 11 lock-up retail units providing a total retail space of 1,102 sq. m. at ground floor level with 20 2-bedroomed apartments over second and third stories,
 - (e) Construct a building with a total gross area of 715 sq. m. comprising a public house and take-away food outlet on the ground floor and restaurant on the first floor,
 - (f) Construct a clock feature in the retail square,
 - (g) Construct a crèche with a total gross area of 511 sq. m. accommodating up to 102 children
 - (h) Construct a petrol filling station,
 - (i) Construct 236 dwellings and
 - (j) All associated site works at Rossleaghan, Clonreher West, Mountmellick Road, Portlaoise. (documentation enclosed).
- (8) (a) Approval to the raising of a loan not exceeding €2,500,000 from Housing Finance Agency in respect of Affordable Housing Scheme (Part V) at Heath Hill Square, Graiguecullen. (documentation enclosed).
- (b) Approval to the raising of a loan not exceeding €4,000,000 from the Housing Finance Agency Plc for the following housing purposes (documentation enclosed):
- Shared Ownership Loans,
 - Annuity Loans,
 - House Improvement Loans,
 - Land Purchase.

- (9) Part V111 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 2001 in respect of:-
- (a) Improvements to Main Street, Portlaoise, between Church Street and Church Avenue. (documentation already circulated).
 - (b) Construction of 2 no. blocks of 2 storey apartment buildings: block 1 consisting of 12 social 2-bedroom apartment units and block 2 consisting of 8 social 2 bedroom apartment units. Also includes the demolition of 3 no. existing dwelling houses at junction of Railway Road & Canal Road Portarlinton in the Townland of Cooltederry. (documentation enclosed)
 - (c) Construction of 4 no. semi-detached single storey dwellings for social housing at Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix. (documentation enclosed)
- (10) Schedule of Improvement Works to Burial Grounds (documentation enclosed).
- (11) Corporate Plan 2004-2009 (documentation to be circulated).
- (12) Extinguishment of Public Rights of Way at:-
- (a) Higgs Lane (R425), Ballyclider Road, Portlaoise (documentation enclosed).
 - (b) New Inn/Vicarstown Road (L-3930), Portlaoise (documentation enclosed).
 - (c) Castle Road (L-7815) Morette, Emo, Portlaoise (documentation enclosed).
- (13) Correspondence
- (14) Notices of Motion

406/04 Councillor John Bonham

"That this Council request the Government to initiate immediate negotiations to buy out Drift Net Licences in order to save wild salmon stocks and would also allow salmon to be fished in both the Nore and Barrow Rivers bringing greater tourism benefits to our County"

1/05 Councillor Brian Stanley

"That the members be informed of the present policy regarding the gritting of regional and county roads during periods of frost"

2/05 Councillor Paul Mitchell

"That Laois County Council, in the interest of openness, transparency and public awareness ensure that all applicants for a tree felling licence place a public notice in local papers and at site detailing number and type of trees to be cut down".

3/05 Councillor Paul Mitchell

"That using special speed limit by-laws, this Council, would limit all traffic speed near schools to 30km/h".

4/05 Councillor Martin Phelan

"That a full and up to date report be given to the Council in relation to all public sewerage facilities in the County. And that the report details the number of towns in which planning permission is being refused at present, on the grounds that there are objections by the Regional Fisheries Board. The report should also indicate the numbers of houses in respect of which planning permission has been refused on this basis"

5/05 Councillor Martin Phelan

"That Laois County Council be appraised of the most recent information in relation to the N7 -N8 Motorway and that it be advised as to the current proposals in relation to the siting of the proposed Toll Plaza"

6/05 Councillor Martin Phelan

"That a report be made to this Council in relation to the number and location of single vehicle accidents during frosty weather conditions".

7/05 Councillor James Deegan

"That Laois County Council pass by-laws prohibiting the use of off road vehicles in places of public amenity in County Laois".

