

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN
ARAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 12th OF DECEMBER 2011**

PRESENT:	Councillors	John Bonham	In the Chair
		Rotimi Adebari	William Aird
		Pat Bowe	Paddy Bracken
		Ben Brennan	Ray Cribbin
		James Deegan	James Daly
		John Joe Fennelly	Catherine Fitzgerald
		Padraig Fleming	David Goodwin
		Alan Hand	John King
		Michael Lalor	Jerry Lodge
		Seamus McDonald	Paul Mitchell
		John Moran	Kathleen O' Brien
		Tom Mulhall	Brendan Phelan
		Martin Phelan	Mary Sweeney

IN ATTENDANCE:

Messers Peter Carey, County Manager, John O' Donoghue, A/Director of Services, Ian McCormack, A/Director of Services, John Daly, Director of Services, Mr. Gerry Murphy, Head of Finance, Ms. Anna Marie Delaney, Director of Services, Ms. Irene Delaney, A/Senior Executive Officer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary

159. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 28TH OF NOVEMBER 2011

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Lalor seconded by Councillor Paul Mitchell, the Minutes of the November Meeting of Laois County Council held on the 28th of November 2011 were agreed as circulated.

160. DISPOSAL OF LAND UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001

- (I) **LEASE OF 1.52 ACRES OF LAND AT STRADBALLY, CO. LAOIS IN THE TOWNLAND OF STRADBALLY FOR A PERIOD OF 6 YEARS FOR A CONSIDERATION OF €500 PER ANNUM**

On the proposition of Councillor Ray Cribbin seconded by Councillor Paul Mitchell, the Members unanimously agreed to the lease of 1.52 acres of land at Stradbally, Co. Laois in the townland of Stradbally for a period of 6 years for a consideration of €500 per annum.

(ii) DISPOSAL OF 0.18 ACRES OF LAND AT FAIRMOUNT IN THE TOWNLAND OF DOONANE, 16 CHATSWORTH HOUSE, CHATSWORTH STREET, CASTLECOMER, CO. KILKENNY FOR A CONSIDERATION OF €5,000

On the proposition of Councillor James Daly seconded by Councillor John King, the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of 0.18 acres of land at Fairmount in the townland of Doonane, 16 Chatsworth House, Chatsworth Street, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny for a consideration of €5,000.

161. APPROVAL OF BYE-LAWS MADE UNDER THE CONTROL OF HORSES ACT, 1996 (AGREED BY HOUSING & SOCIAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE ON THE 22ND OF NOVEMBER 2011)

The Members were circulated with a copy of the bye-laws made under the Control of Horses Act, 1996 which had been agreed at the Strategic Policy Committee held on the 22nd of November 2011. The new bye-laws will come into effect from the 1st of January 2012 and the main purpose is to give effect to the reduced period of detention for stray animals from 10 to 5 days.

On the proposal of Councillor James Deegan and seconded by Councillor Alan Hand, the Members unanimously approved the bye-laws made under the Control of Horses Act, 1996.

162. MUSIC GENERATION – LAOIS – PRESENTATION BY MS. NUALA KELLY, CO-ORDINATOR, LAOIS SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Ms. Nuala Kelly, Music School Co-Ordinator gave a presentation to the Members on the Music Generation Project which Laois were successful in securing funding of €500,000 under Round 2 of the Programme This funding will be matched by Laois County Council, Laois VEC, Laois Partnership, Department of Social Protection & Schools & Community Groups. Ms. Kelly outlined the proposed programmes and indicated that it was a excellent opportunity for Laois.

Mr. Peter Carey, County Manager congratulated Ms. Kelly & Ms. Muireann Ní Chonail, Arts Officer and all the staff involved on an excellent and professional application. He paid tribute to all the agencies involved and thanked the Elected Members for their support and positive comments.

163. VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Councillor John Moran and unanimously agreed, a vote of sympathy was extended to the Miller family on the recent death of Mr. Jim Miller, Chalet Gardens, Lucan, Dublin formerly of Arles. Co. Laois.

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald and unanimously agreed, a vote of sympathy was extended to the Dunne family on the recent death of Mr. James Dunne, Ballinalug and late of Main Street, Clonaslee, Co. Laois.

On the proposition of Councillors Mary Sweeney & William Aird and unanimously agreed, a vote of sympathy was extended to the Presentation Sisters, Portlaoise on the recent death of Sr. Columba O' Flaherty.

On the proposition of Councillor James Daly and unanimously agreed, a vote of sympathy was extended to Ms. Mary T. Delaney, Laois County Council on the recent death of her mother, Ms. Sheila Delaney, Cullohill, Co. Laois.

On the proposition of Councillor Ray Cribbin and unanimously agreed, a vote of sympathy was extended to the Gannon family on the recent death of Mr. James Gannon, Marian Hill, Portarlinton, Co. Laois.

On the proposition of Councillor Ray Cribbin and unanimously agreed, a vote of sympathy was extended to the Brennan family on the recent death of Mr. James (Denis) Brennan, 37 St. Michael's Park, Portarlinton, Co. Laois.

On the proposition of Councillor Padraig Fleming and unanimously agreed, a vote of sympathy was extended to the Stanley family on the recent death of Ms. Mary Stanley, The Swan, Wolfhill, Co. Laois.

164. VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposition of Councillor Ben Brennan it was unanimously agreed that a letter issue to Ms. Anne Keenan Buckley wishing her and the team well in the future as Coach of the Ladies Cross Country Team.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: _____
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CERTIFIED: _____
DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
AFFAIRS