

**Minutes of the April Monthly Meeting of Clare County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at 3:45 p.m.**

**Present:**

Councillors J. Breen, J. Flynn, P. Daly, A. Norton, T. McNamara, M. Howard, P. Murphy, C. Colleran Molloy, J. Cooney, P. Hayes, M. Begley, P. Burke, A. O’Callaghan, C. Crowe, J. Crowe, G. Flynn, P.J. Ryan, P. McMahon, M. McKee, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, B. Slattery, I. Lynch, M. Hillery, P.J. Kelly, B. Chambers, G. Keating.

- Mr. Tom Coughlan, Chief Executive.
- Mr. Michael McNamara, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Siobhan Garvey, Staff Officer.
- Mr. Ger Dollard, Director of Service.
- Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Service.
- Mr. Niall Barrett, Head of Finance.

As the Shannon Group briefing which was taking place prior to the commencement of the Council meeting had not fully concluded at 3:45 p.m. it was agreed by members present to commence the meeting at 3:45 p.m. however adjourn the full meeting for a period of 15 minutes to allow the Shannon Group briefing to conclude.

At 4:00 p.m. the Council Meeting commenced and the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Crowe presided.

**Item 1: Minutes of Council Meetings.**

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

“That the Minutes of the March Meeting of Clare County Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 be adopted and signed.”

b. Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Murphy agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the adjourned March Meeting of Clare County Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 be adopted and signed.”

**Item 2: Minutes of Municipal District Meetings.**

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

“That the Minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2015 be noted.”

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

“That the Minutes of the Ennis Municipal District Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 be noted.”

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

“That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Ennis Municipal District held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 be noted.”

**Item 3: Minutes of S.P.C. Meetings.**

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

“That the minutes of the Planning & Housing S.P.C. meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 be noted”.

**Item 4: Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meetings.**

The members noted the minutes of the meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015 as presented.

**Item 5: Disposal of property pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Proposed disposal of area of land at Ballycasey Grove, Shannon, Co. Clare.**

Report dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015 from Michael McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services was circulated with the agenda together with map. The report states that it is proposed to dispose of an area of lands measuring 0.0189 hectares in Shannon.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. McKee  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P.J. Ryan 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 and Development Act, 2000 as amended, of the disposal of area of land measuring 0.0189 hectares at Ballycasey Grove, Shannon subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015.”

Cllr. G. Flynn dissented from this proposal.

**Item 6: Disposal of property pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Proposed disposal of property at Gordon Drive, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

Report dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 from Mairead Corbett, Administrative Officer, Housing Directorate was circulated with the agenda together with map.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Breen  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Murphy 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 and Development Act, 2000, of the disposal of a house at Gordon Drive, Ennis, Co. Clare subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.”

**Item 7: Disposal of property pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000. Proposed disposal of area of land at Illaunmanagh, Shannon, Co. Clare (Crematorium site).**

Report dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015 from Michael McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services was circulated with the agenda together with map. The report states that at the July 2014 meeting the members decided not to dispose of an area of lands at Illaunamanagh, Shannon.

This proposal was considered by the members for the Shannon Municipal District at their recent meeting and the majority of the members supported the proposal to dispose of the lands on the basis outlined above.

Ar moladh Cllr. P.J. Ryan  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Cooney 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, of the disposal of an area of lands at Illaunmanagh, Shannon subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015.”

Cllr. G. Flynn expressed his opposition to this proposal and advised that this had also been discussed at the recent Shannon Municipal District meeting where he had also indicated his opposition to the proposal.

In response to queries raised, the Chief Executive outlined that proceeds of this sale would be lodged to Councils general account and could not be set aside for a particular project.

**Item 8: Nominations to S.P.C.'s.**

Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 from Michael McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services was circulated with the agenda. The report states that two further nominees have been received as follows:

**Business/Commercial Sector.**

- Planning and Housing S.P.C. - Patrick Keogh
- Economic Development & Enterprise S.P.C. - Dympna O'Callaghan, Director Molly d marketing.

The members ratified these nominations unanimously.

**Item 9: Assistance under the Arts Act Grants 2015 - Grant recommendations.**

Report from Siobhan Mulcahy, County Arts Officer was circulated with the agenda. The report states that the Assistance under the Arts Acts Grants Scheme is intended to assist artists and organisations stimulating public interest in the arts, promoting the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or in improving standards in the arts.

94 applications were received in total.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Hayes agus glacadh leis

“That pursuant to Section 6 (2) of the provisions of Assistance under the Arts Act, 2003, the Council approves of the following payments:

**Applications for Events/Projects/Organisations.**

*The following tables outline the name of applicant and the amount of funding approved pursuant to Section 6(2) of the provisions of Assistance under the Arts Act, 2003.*

<b>Applications for Events / Projects / Organisations</b>		
	28 Recommendations for Funding	
<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Amount</b>
8	Scarriff Harbour Festival 2015	900

13	Inis Artists Group	250
15	X-PO Arts & Social Project, Kilnaboy	550
18	Circus Project with Holy Family and Ennis Educate N.S.	550
23	Shannon Musical Society	900
26	Michael O'Loughlin - film working with disabled people	450
28	Lismorahaun Singers - concert in New Quay	550
31	East Clare Musical Society	800
33	Sinéad Nic Sioda - equipment for arts events / exhibitions	550
37	District Day Care Centre Clarecastle	300
51	Ennistymon Choral Society	250
53	Obair Newmarket on Fergus - Community Circus Project	550
56	Kilrush Art Group	350
61	Clare Youth Ballet	350
62	Generations in Action - East Clare arts & elderly project	750
63	Nathalie El Baba - Young Peoples Art Exhibition	200
65	National Dance Championships - Ennis	550
66	Scariff Community Council - Community sculpture	550
67	Chapel Lane Market – Ennis	350
71	The Poetry Collective - Clare poets	350
74	Sceal Eile Productions - Ennis based theatre company	650
76	Guitarchestra - Ennis youth orchestra	500

84	Clare Adult Education Community Music Project	550
92	Kilkee Playwriting Festival	550
	Totals	12800

<b>Traditional Arts Applications</b>		
18 Recommendations for Funding		
Ref	Name of Applicant	Amount
2	Kilnamona Community Centre - Trad for Teens	200
16	East Clare C.C.E. Music Festival	200
17	County Fleadh - Kilrush	400
19	Kilrush Music Feis	325
21	Kilrush Trad. Music & Set Dancing Fest 2015	450
27	Willie Keane Memorial Weekend - Doonbeg	575
30	Kincora Trad. Weekend - Killaloe	575
36	Obair Newmarket on Fergus – Trad. Music workshops	575
39	Russell Memorial Weekend – Doolin	325
41	Kilfenora Trad. Festival	325
46	Matthew Noone & Tommy Hayes - CD production	450
48	Christy McNamara - US music exchange	450
52	Mountshannon Trad. Festival	275
57	Dan Furey Set Dancing Weekend - Labasheeda	325
59	Pauline Gavin Callinan - CD Production	200
70	Feile Chnoc na Gaoithe – Tulla	325

75	Clarecastle Ballyea Comhaltas - Ceili at the Crossroads	200
88	Ballynacally Grúpa Ceoil	200
	Total	6400

	<b>Applications for Artists Support</b>	<b>Individual Artists</b>	
	24 Recommendations for Funding		
<b>Ref</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Visual Arts	Samuel Walsh – Clonlara	215
3	Theatre	Gerard Howard – Ballyvaughan	300
4	Music	Barry Dillon – Lisdoonvarna	60
10	Visual Arts	Barry Wrafter – Ennis	215
24	Visual Arts	Martina Cleary - Tubber	400
25	Visual Arts	Deirdre O'Mahony - Kilnaboy	300
32	Visual Arts	Gerry O'Mahony - Clonlara	400
42	Visual Arts	Sinead Nestor - Ennis	300
43	Visual Arts	Fiona O'Dwyer - Ennistymon	300
44	Music	Claire Watts - Miltown Malbay	215
54	Visual Arts	Joseph P. Bévillard - Killaloe	300
55	Visual Arts	Fiona Woods - Finavarra	300

64	Street Art	Ana Bella Alvarez - Ennis	215
68	Street Art	Oonagh Herbert - Ennis	215
72	Visual Arts	Joan O'Hanrahan - Kilfenora	215
73	Visual Arts	Dermott Petty - Doolin	300
77	Music	Godknows Jonas - Shannon	300
82	Visual Arts	Sara Foust - Liscannor	300
81	Literature	Dr. Eilis Ni Dheá - Cratloe	215
86	Visual Arts	Shelagh Honan - Ennis	300
89	Literature	Arthur Watson - Tulla	215
90	Theatre	Marie McNamara - Ennis	300
91	Dance	Jenny Walsh Bassett - Kilkee	300
93	Visual Arts	Catriona Sheedy - Ennistymon	215
	Totals		6400

**Item 10: Consider submission to Minister for Rural Affairs in the context of the CEDRA Report.**

Report dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 from Gerard Dollard, Director of Service was circulated with the agenda. The report states that the Working Group comprises of two representatives from each Municipal District. The Working Group has met on two occasions and decided to prepare a report for submission to the Minister covering initiatives and projects in County Clare that could be progressed under the thirty four CEDRA recommendations. A copy of the draft submission to the Minister was attached to the report.

After issues had been raised in relation to the status of the report before the meeting, it was agreed to defer the matter for further consideration at the May meeting. Cllr. C. Curtin as Chair of the Sub-committee outlined details of the Sub-committee's work to date on this issue.

**Item 11: 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.



Cllr. C. Crowe asked if any progress had been made to hold a public workshop on the proposed Limerick Northern Distributer Route as requested at a recent briefing made to the Council. The Chief Executive reported that whatever was agreed at this briefing will take place and this will be co-ordinated by the Planning Section in partnership with the Design Consultants.

Further to a query raised by Cllr. C. Curtin, G. Dollard reported that he was awaiting clarification on discussions with the Department in connection with Housing Construction proposals. He further advised that the Public Participation Network had held their first successful meeting.

Cllr. B. Slattery asked that Crag Beach outside Lahinch be included for remedial works and stated that it was the responsibility of the O.P.W.

**Item 12: Recommendation from Ennis Municipal District - Parking charges in Ennis Town.**

Report dated 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 from Catherine O'Hara, Meetings Administrator, Ennis Municipal District was circulated with the agenda. The report states that the following motion was discussed at a meeting of the Ennis Municipal District Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015 and that the members there had requested that the proposal be considered by the full Council.

“That all eight Ennis Municipal District Councillors request that the parking charge be reduced from €1.30 per hour to €1 per hour.”

A number of members spoke in favour of this proposal. The Chief Executive agreed with the need to re-vitalise Ennis but referred to financial implications of the proposals. It was agreed to further consider this at the May meeting.

It was agreed by the members to continue discussion on the headed items.

**Item 13: Public Area Enhancement Scheme.**

Report dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 from Gerard Dollard, Director of Service was circulated with the agenda. The report states that a very successful Public Area Enhancement Scheme operated in 2014. The total fund of €15,000 comprised 75% Department of Environment, Community and Local Government funding and 25% Clare County Council funding. Thirty three projects received funding under the scheme.

The Council has not been notified of any allocation under the Public Area Enhancement Scheme in 2015.

The report recommends to the Council that a countywide allocation of €100,000 be available for a Public Enhancement Scheme in 2015. This allocation can be funded from additional income received by the Council in 2014. Subject to the approval of the Council, the necessary adjustments will be made as part of the Annual Financial Statement 2014 which is due to be presented to the Council at the May 2015 meeting.

In response to queries raised the Chief Executive confirmed that the Scheme was intended for recognized Tidy Towns Groups.

The members welcomed and approved the recommendation that the Scheme go ahead again in 2015.

**Item 14: Eastern and Midlands Region Project Needs Report.**

Report dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 from Sean Lenihan, Chartered Engineer, Water Services Section was circulated with the agenda. The report states that Irish Water recently published a report which sets out a pressing need for a new water supply source for the Eastern and Midlands Region of the country. The report identifies that projected demand for water in Dublin alone is expected to increase by over 50% by 2050 and it is their view that this is well beyond the capacity of the existing sources which serve the region. The project study area includes the following counties: Clare, Dublin, Galway, Kildare, Laois, Limerick, Meath, Offaly, Tipperary, Westmeath and Wicklow. Irish Water advise that the report draws on extensive independent expert research and recommendations in relation to population projections and economic forecasting (2015-2050) and it concludes that a new water supply source is needed for the Eastern and Midlands Region.

Following publication of the Report, Irish Water is now undertaking a public consultation process and is seeking views and comments from all interested parties.

All relevant issues raised from this consultation will be reviewed and considered as part of the next phase of the process which will result in an Options Working Paper (new Supply Options) due for publication and consultation later in Quarter 2 of 2015. Having taken into account feedback from the consultation process, it is Irish Water's intention that a preferred option for meeting the water supply needs of the Eastern and Midland region will be agreed and submitted to An Bord Pleanála for planning approval in 2017.

It was agreed by the members present that Item 28 would be taken with this item as they relate to one another.

**Item 28: Industrial Development.**

Ar moladh Cllr. I. Lynch  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Hayes agus glacadh leis

“That this council request

A) The minister for Environment and Local Government to investigate the planning policy, process and development plans of Dublin City and County Council in light of the ongoing issues claiming lack of sufficient water source for the region.

B) request a detailed reply from both the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and the I.D.A. as to why they are continuing to promote industrial development to the East coast as their priority in light of the housing crisis and the lack of water source required for sustainable development, when the West Coast can adequately provide suitable services”.

A number of members expressed opposition to any proposal to source water for the region in question from Lough Derg.

The Chief Executive addressed the meeting and advised that Irish Water are currently at the stage of identifying the need for a plan to be put in place and are not looking at any options just yet in sourcing additional water to deal with projected demands in the future. He reminded members that the deadline for receiving submissions on this stage of the process is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

Members suggested that a meeting on this issue be arranged with Irish Water and this was agreed.

**Item 15: Briefing on Water Services Strategic Plan.**

Sean Lenihan, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Services addressed the members in relation to Draft Water Services Strategic Plan. He outlined the background to same and went through the Draft Submission proposed.

He invited the members to submit their individual comments to him by Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April so that the final submission could be sent to Irish Water by Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**Item 16: Briefing by Shannon Group.**

Neil Pakey, C.E.O. together with Gerry Fitzmaurice, Property Division and David McGarry, Financial Controller of Shannon Group attended the briefing. Neil Pakey provided an overview of the various elements within the Shannon Group i.e. Heritage, Airport and Commercial Properties and highlighted that in 2014 the company had a turnover of €64m. while passenger numbers for the airport were 1.6m with the company employing up to 600 people at peak season. It was reported that the company is continuing to look at avenues to increase profits and numbers using the airport. The Shannon Group highlighted the importance of working with local stakeholders, one of the biggest of which is Clare County Council and reported that once of the biggest challenges to the company is accessing funding streams.

It was agreed that a copy of the presentation would be distributed to all members in due course.

**Item 17: Abolition of Town Councils.**

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That a report be presented on what savings have been made as a result of the abolition of the three Town Councils, including Ennis Town Council, in Clare and the reduction in numbers from 68 to 28 elected Councillors in County Clare since the mid-2014 elections. The report to also indicate what reductions to Clare and Ennis town rates can be expected in 2016 as a result of these and other associated efficiencies that were predicted to be achieved following the 2014 Local Government Reform package.”

**Niall Barrett, Head of Finance replied as follows:**

“In 2014 and 2015 balanced budgets were prepared taking account of the savings resulting from the reduction of the number of councillors in Clare. The table below outlines the reducing cost since 2013. The 2013 budget consisted of a full year budget for councillors across all the previously existing councils, with 2014 reflecting a reduced cost as a result of the abolition of the Town Councils from the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014. 2015 is the first full year that the council is operating as a single entity.

**Council Finances.**

*The 2013 budget consisted of a full year budget for councillors across all the previously existing councils, with 2014 reflecting a reduced cost*

*as a result of the abolition of the Town Councils from the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014. 2015 is the first full year that the council is operating as a single entity.*

	2015	2014	2013
	€000	€000	€000
Representational Payments	464	556	671
Chair/Vice Chair Allowances	54	48	57
Annual Allowances & Expenses	340	459	538
	<u>858</u>	<u>1,063</u>	<u>1,266</u>

It should also be noted that the Local Government Reform Act has had other implications on the expenditure and income of the Local Authority. Abolition of the town rate for both Kilkee and Shannon has resulted in a loss of income while other initiatives such as the Public Participation Network and the Local Enterprise Office have resulted in additional costs for the council.”

**Item 18: Access to Council buildings.**

Ar moladh Cllr. I. Lynch

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

“That this council would

Prior to this council making any modifications or changes to access equipment for users with disabilities at any of their facilities, that a period of consultation with users and disability groups such as the Irish Wheelchair Association is completed to ascertain needs and suitability, as facilities such as Ennis swimming pool are essential for treatment and exercise programs for disability users”.

**Gerard Dollard, Director of Services replied as follows:**

“The Council is conscious of the need to ensure that all its facilities and equipment at those facilities is accessible and useable by people with disabilities. The Council has consulted with relevant organisations on specific locations as necessary from time to time. The Council also has an appointed Access Officer to assist in this regard.

In relation to the location mentioned in the motion it is important to state that Active Ennis Leisure Complex holds the ‘GOLD STANDARD’ award for Disability Awareness, from Ireland Active & the ‘White Flag for Excellence in Leisure’ bodies.

This motion has been the subject of discussion at the April meeting of the members for Ennis Municipal District and a detailed report was provided by the General Manager, Active Ennis. Active Ennis Sports & Leisure Facilities are dedicated to meeting the needs and providing suitable means for all users to access the facilities for essential treatments, exercise programs and casual usage.”

**Item 19: Twitter.**

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Howard  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That this Council look to the example provided by Galway County Council in the TWITTER feed that it provides to the public”.

**Urban McMahon, Head of I.T. replied as follows:**

“The use of Social Media including Twitter as a method of communicating public information is currently under review by Clare County Council. The examples of its use in a number of public bodies and Local Authorities including Galway County Council is being examined in order to establish best practice and if implemented to do so in the most effective manner.”

**Item 20: Cycle lanes.**

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

“That Clare County Council put a programme in place for sweeping and maintaining the cycle lanes and hard shoulders in Co. Clare to encourage cycling”.

**Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer replied as follows:**

“At present, cycle lanes are swept periodically but, as is the case in relation to many activities at present, inadequate resource levels prevent implementation of maintenance regimes to a standard which would ensure that the optimum level of service is available at all times. I would agree that it is most desirable that cycle lanes and hard shoulders be maintained to a standard which would encourage cycling to an enhanced degree in the county – for the benefit of the health and enjoyment of both residents and visitors alike. A review of the maintenance regimes currently in place will be carried out.”

**Item 21: Roadside hedge maintenance.**

Cllr. P.J. Ryan proposed that this item would be deferred to the next meeting, which was agreed by all members present.

**Item 22: Unfinished estates.**

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That an individualised listing of the unfinished estates in County Clare be provided and that the corresponding Local Property Tax collected in respect of each such unfinished estate be identified”.

**Gerard Dollard, Director of Services replied as follows:**

“Clare County Council is not responsible for the administration of the Local Property Tax and consequently would not have the information requested. Such is a matter for the Revenue Commissioners.

I attach a list of all estates by Municipal District which have not been taken in charge. This list, taken from the Clare County Council’s Register of Estates, was compiled on the basis of a range of data sources and/or applications for Taking in Charge and reflects the developments which are receiving ongoing attention in an effort to bring matters to a satisfactory conclusion on behalf of the residents.

This list is not exhaustive and there may be other developments of 2 or more houses in County Clare that have not been taken in charge and are not appearing on the register. Similarly, there are a number of developments on the attached list which will not be subject to taking in charge as such developments are subject to a management company arrangement for the future management and maintenance of roads, open spaces, car parks, sewers, water-mains or drains, public lighting, footpaths, landscaping and any other services required within the development.

The Council will shortly be commencing the statutory process for Taking in Charge of 12 developments on the list attached.”

**Taking in Charge.**

*The following table lists all estates in Ennis Municipal District which have not been taken in charge.*

No.	Estate Name	Location
1	Creggaun Na Hilla	Clarecastle
2	Cois Fhorgais	Clarecastle
3	Orchard Drive	Clarecastle
4	Sli An Fheargais	Clarecastle
5	Claremont	Clarecastle
6	Inis Clair	Clarecastle
7	Radharc an Locha, Ballyalla	Ennis

8	Ballyalla Grove, Ballyalla	Ennis
9	Noughaval Drive, Doora	Ennis
10	Westwood, Showgrounds	Ennis
11	French Court, Clonroad	Ennis
12	Bruach na h'Abhann, Quin Road	Ennis
13	Silvergrove, Ballybeg	Ennis
14	Woodstock Drive, Shanaway Road	Ennis
15	Woodstock View, Shanaway Road	Ennis
16	Woodstock Hill, Shanaway Road	Ennis
17	Beechpark, Kilmaley Road	Ennis
18	Riverside Court, Clonroadmore	Ennis
19	Kilquane Grove, Shanaway Road	Ennis
20	Ivy Hill, Gort Road	Ennis
21	Shanballa, Lahinch Road	Ennis
22	Abbey Court, Limerick Road	Ennis
23	Abbeyville, Limerick Road	Ennis
24	Honeywell, Tobertaoscaun	Ennis
25	Acha Bhile, Lahinch Road	Ennis
26	Rockmount Grove, Ballybeg	Ennis
27	Cluain ros Leamhán, Tulla Road	Ennis
28	Bru Ros Leamhán, Tulla Road	Ennis

29	Clochán ros Leamhán, Tulla Road	Ennis
30	Aisling, Shanaway Road	Ennis
31	Clover Hill, Tulla Road	Ennis
32	Doire More, Tulla Road	Ennis
33	Gort na mBlath, Tulla Road	Ennis
34	An Seanghort, Tulla Road	Ennis
35	Rath Bán, Tulla Road	Ennis
36	Lios Ard, Tulla Road	Ennis
37	Oakleigh Wood, Tulla Road	Ennis
38	The Maples, Tulla Road	Ennis
39	Knockaderry Grove, Tulla Road	Ennis
40	Cappahard, Tulla Road	Ennis
41	Cúirt an Fhile, Tulla Road	Ennis
42	Anstand Site, Tulla Road Cluain Lia Gort na hAbhana Gort Leamhán	Ennis
43	Aughanteeroe	Ennis
44	Claureen/Dromard	Ennis
45	Cúl na Coille	Ennis
46	Showgrounds Court	Ennis
47	Parklands, Ballyalla	Ennis.
48	Inchmore	Inch
49	Cluain Ard/Cluain Iseal	Kilmaley
50	The Park	Quin
51	The Cloisters	Quin



### Taking in Charge.

*The following table lists all estates in Shannon Municipal District which have not been taken in charge.*

SHANNON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT		
No.	Estate Name	Location
1	Castlebank	Ardnacrusha
2	Manor Grove	Ardnacrusha
3	Rosan Bunraite	Bunratty
4	Deerpark	Bunratty
5	Dun Ri	Bunratty
6	Deerpark Housing Estate	Bunratty
7	Carraig Midhe	Corbally
8	Aisling Court	Cratloe
9	Woodbrook	Cratloe
10	Cratloe Wood Brickhill West	Cratloe
11	Ballymorris	Cratloe
12	The Meadows/An Moinear	Meelick
13	Lough Gash	Newmarket on Fergus
14	Boheraroan	Newmarket on Fergus
15	Gleann Cora	Newmarket-on-Fergus
16	Cnoc Alainn	Newmarket-on-Fergus
17	Fairyfield Estate	Parteen
18	Gortatogher	Parteen

19	Dun Aras/Cluain Alainn	Shannon
20	Ard Caoin Court	Shannon
21	Ros Silin	Shannon
22	Cluainin	Shannon
23	Dun na Ri	Shannon
24	Radharc na Coille	Shannon
25	Ros na Greine	Shannon
26	Chuirtn an Droichead	Sixmilebridge
27	O'Garney Heights	Sixmilebridge
28	Cluain Droichead/Mountievers	Sixmilebridge
29	Ard na Greine	Sixmilebridge
30	Chapel Court	Sixmilebridge
31	Lios Anama	Sixmilebridge
32	Woodview Heights	Sixmilebridge
33	Ard Ratha	Sixmilebridge
34	Gort na nUll	Sixmilebridge
35	Bruachlan/Grianan	Westbury

### Taking in Charge.

*The following table lists all estates in Killaloe Municipal District which have not been taken in charge.*

<b>KILLALOE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Estate Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	Hurdlestown Meadows	Broadford
2	Churchfields	Clonlara
3	Ruanard	Clonlara
4	Monaskeha	Clonlara
5	Inchicronan	Crusheen
6	Moyglass	Crusheen
7	Cluain na Laoi	Kilkishen
8	Main Street	Kilkishen
9	Teeronea	Kilkishen
10	Teeronea-Naps Close	Kilkishen
11	Ard na Deirge	Killaloe
12	Shantraud Woods	Killaloe
13	Lakeview	Killaloe
14	Radharc na hEaglaise	Killaloe
15	Ballymulcashel	Kilmurry
16	Mountshannon Cottages	Mountshannon
17	An Garran	Mountshannon
18	Mountshannon	Mountshannon
19	Radharc an Locha	Mountshannon
20	Lakeside Close	Mountshannon
21	Bruach na Sionna	O'Briensbridge

22	Cois na Sionna	O'Briensbridge
23	Dun Carraig	Tuamgraney
24	Power's Court & Ardmore Estates	Tulla
25	Cuirt na Bhfiach	Tulla
26	Cregg Lake	Whitegate

### **Taking in Charge.**

*The following table lists all estates in West Clare Municipal District which have not been taken in charge.*

<b>WEST CLARE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Estate Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	Crag Ard	Ballynacally
2	Lios Ard	Ballynacally
3	Dolmen Village	Ballyvaughan
4	Suan na Mara	Carrigaholt
5	The Glebe	Corofin
6	Pairc na hEaglaise	Corofin
7	Inchiquin Park, Baunkyle, Corofin	Corofin
8	Lui na Greine	Cree
9	Teergonean Holiday Homes	Doolin
10	Dun na Mara	Doonbeg
11	Radharc na hAbhann	Doonbeg
12	Woodmount	Ennistymon
13	Woodview Park	Ennistymon
14	Ard Donagh	Ennistymon
15	Bridge House	Ennistymon

16	Cuirt Merriman	Ennistymon
17	Barrack Court	Kildysart
18	An Sceach Geal	Kildysart
19	Ascail Cul Estate	Kildysart
20	Ennis Road, An Fhaiche, An tAonach	Kildysart
21	The Weir & Fishermans Cottages	Kilkee
22	Percy French Estate	Kilkee
23	The Brooks	Kilkee
24	Moinin	Kilkee
25	Moorebay	Kilkee
26	Meadow View	Kilkee
27	Church Road	Kilkee
28	Castlefield	Kilkee
29	Castlefield-Atlantic View	Kilkee
30	Pairc na Blathanna	Kilkee
31	Atlantean Cottages	Kilkee
32	Kilkee Bay Hotel Apts	Kilkee
33	Croi an mBaile	Kilmihil
34	Cois na hAbhainn	Kilrush
35	Cois na Ce	Kilrush
36	Beal an Inbhir	Kilrush
37	Woodview/Woodfield	Kilrush
38	Gort na Coille	Kilrush
39	Shannon Heights	Kilrush
40	Corrán Maebh	Lahinch
41	Moher Development Estate	Lahinch

42	Cregg Beach	Lahinch
43	An Cragg Ard	Lahinch
44	Lios na Mara	Lahinch
45	Ocean View	Lahinch
46	Bayview	Lahinch
47	Ard na Mara	Lahinch
48	Cois Tra	Lahinch
49	Cill Stuífin	Lahinch
50	Radharc na Mara	Lahinch
51	Beechlawn/The Siding	Lahinch
52	Liscannor Holiday Homes & Blackthorn Drive	Liscannor
53	Knockrahaderry	Liscannor
54	Cois Eilbhe, St. Brendans Rd	Lisdoonvarna
55	Cois Clocha	Lisdoonvarna
56	Sli Liag Ard	Miltown Malbay
57	Cluain Uilinn	Miltown Malbay
58	Pairc na Lair-Fintra Beg	Miltown Malbay
59	Gáirdíní Cluain Buinne	Miltown Malbay
60	Cois Gleanna	Miltown Malbay
61	Cluain Liag Ard	Miltown Malbay
62	Meadowlands	Miltown Malbay
63	West Coast View	Quilty
64	West Park	Spanish Point
65	Woodbine Heights	Spanish Point
66	Breaffy South	Spanish Point

As the time approached 6:30 p.m. it was unanimously agreed that the meeting would be adjourned until Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

## **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.

#### **A.I.L.G. “In Service” Training taking place in the Brehon Hotel, Killarney on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €283.25.

It was agreed that Cllr. M. Begley attend this Conference.

#### **A.I.L.G. “In Service” Training taking place in the Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €279.11.

It was agreed that Cllrs. R. Nagle and T. McNamara attend this Conference.

#### **Seminar entitled “The new Companies Act 2014” being held in the Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €538.90 including conference fee of €100.

It was agreed that Cllr. P. Burke attend this Conference.

#### **A.I.L.G. Annual Conference taking place in the Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross on 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €662.55 including conference fee of €125.

It was agreed that Cllrs. M. Howard, R. Nagle, T. McNamara, M. Begley and J. Breen attend this Conference.

#### **Seminar entitled “Domestic Water Charges – Preparation and Practicalities” taking place in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth on 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €724.97 including conference fee of €100.

It was agreed that Cllr. J. Cooney attend this Conference.

**L.A.M.A. Spring Training Seminar taking place in Ard Rí House Hotel, Milltown Road, Tuam, Co. Galway on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €427.74 including conference fee of €180.

It was agreed that Cllrs. R. Nagle, P. McMahon, A. Norton, J. Breen, P. Daly, M. Hillery and T. McNamara attend this Conference.

**A.I.L.G. “In Service” Training taking place in Kilkenny on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €351.56 including conference fee of €50.

It was agreed that Cllr. C. Curtin attend this Conference.

**A.I.L.G. “In Service” Training taking place in Waterford on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €355.10 including conference fee of €50.

It was agreed that Cllr. C. Curtin attend this Conference.

**Conference entitled “Regenerating local spaces through planning” taking place in Dublin Castle on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €386.62.

It was agreed that Cllr. M. Hillery attend this Conference.

The meeting then concluded.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Minutes of the adjourned April Meeting of Clare County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Councillors J. Breen, J. Flynn, P. Daly, A. Norton, T. McNamara, M. Howard, P. Murphy, C. Colleran Molloy, J. Cooney, P. Hayes, M. Begley, T. O'Brien, P. Burke, A. O'Callaghan, 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.

- Mr. Tom Coughlan, Chief Executive.
- Mr. Michael McNamara, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Siobhan Garvey, Staff Officer.
- Mr. Ger Dollard, Director of Service.
- Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Service.
- Mr. Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Crowe presided.

**Item 8: Nominations to S.P.C.'s.**

Report dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 from Michael McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services was circulated at the meeting. The report states that two further nominees have been received as follows:

**Trade Union Sector.**

Economic Development & Enterprise S.P.C. - Tom Floyd

Cultural Services, Arts (including  
Community, Recreation & Amenities) S.P.C. - Michael Flanagan

The members ratified these nominations unanimously.

**Item 23: Dog fouling.**

Ar moladh Cllr. P. McMahan  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“Due to the high incidents of dog fouling, throughout County Clare, I am asking Clare County Council to introduce a Bye-Law whereby members of the public, out walking their dogs can be asked to produce evidence that they have the wherewithal to clean up after their dog should the dog foul in a public place”.

**Anne Haugh, Director of Service replied as follows:**

“Having received Councillor McMahon’s Notice of Motion Clare County Council contacted a number of local authorities in order to determine whether any Bye Laws existed which dealt with this matter.

The Council discovered that there had been Bye Laws in the former Limerick Corporation area, covering Dog litter & Dog Control. Since their merger, in 2014 Limerick City & County has “Draft” Bye Laws currently on display titled **Draft Dog Litter & Dog Control Bye Laws, 2015.**

**Article 5(1)** of these Draft Bye Laws reads as follows:

“Any person having charge of any dog, shall at all times, while exercising the dog in any public place, carry suitable receptacles to remove and dispose of dog droppings immediately after the dog has deposited them. This receptacle must be available for inspection by an authorised officer on request. Plastic bags, paper bags or acceptable pooper scoopers are examples of proper receptacles.”

“Authorised Person” means a member of the Garda Síochána, Environmental Inspectors, Environmental Control Officers, Litter Wardens, Dog Wardens, Park Rangers and any other duly authorised persons.

Clare County Council will review these “draft” Bye Laws further and will consult with Limerick City & County Council and will then present a proposal to the Transportation & Environment Strategic Policy Committee for consideration in an effort to advance this issue to a successful conclusion.”

At this point in the meeting the Cathaoirleach had to excuse himself to attend another engagement and Cllr. T. O’Brien, Leas Cathaoirleach presided for the remainder of the meeting.

**Item 24: Irish Water.**

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. McKee agus glacadh leis

“In view of the recent announcement that County Councils will be releasing information concerning their tenants to Irish Water:-

What is the position in relation to data confidentiality as stated in Section F of Clare County Council’s tenancy agreement and the intention by the Council to treat as confidential all information given by tenant?

Will the Council be in breach of contract?”

**Gerard Dollard, Director of Service replied as follows:**

“The Council received a request from Irish Water for tenant data under Section 26 of the Water Services Act 2013. On foot of that request Clare County Council has provided the name and address only of tenants of Council properties. All tenants have been notified that such data has been provided.

In relation to the specific elements of your motion, I would respond as follows:-

The name and address of a tenant would constitute personal data relating to the tenant and its disclosure and subsequent use by Irish Water would constitute the processing of personal data. Data Protection considerations, therefore, arise under the Data Protection Act. The provision of tenant names is permitted if either (1) the data is processed in compliance with the relevant obligations of the Data Protection Acts or (2) the data falls within one of the exemptions from processing which are set out in Section 8 of the Data Protection Act.

Section 8 (e) Data Protection Act provides that any restrictions on the processing of personal data (including its use and disclosure) do not apply to the processing if: *“required by or under any enactment or rule of law or order of a court”*. As such, where there is a legal obligation to disclose data to Irish Water then such disclosure will be exempt from data protection obligations under Section 8 (e). As the Council is complying with its legal obligations under Section 26 of the Water Services Act 2013, the Council is not in breach of contract.

The providing of the data relating to tenants names and address have been the subject of detailed protocols on the necessity for, the use of, and the transfer of such data.”

Cllrs. G. Flynn and M. McKee and a number of other members outlined their concerns regarding the Council providing data in relation to local authority tenants to Irish Water.

The Chief Executive stated that the Council had no choice but to comply with national legislation and provide the data in question. He further stated that he understood that if tenants of the Local Authority do not pay their water charges, the Local Authority could be responsible for these charges to Irish Water.

#### **Item 25: Residential Committees.**

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Howard  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Keating agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council circulate information to Residential Committees in Local Authority estates as regards their liabilities”.

In the absence of Cllr. J. Cooney who originally submitted this motion, it was agreed that Cllr. M. Howard would instead move it.

#### **Gerard Dollard, Director of Service replied as follows:**

“Clare County Council very much welcomes the involvement of Residential Committees in community activity that go towards the maintenance, improvement and enhancement of Local Authority and private estates. Many of these activities are governed under Tidy Towns groups which would have their own structure and insurance arrangements in place to govern such activities. In other cases association and groups may be affiliated to wider associations or organisations which would provide the appropriate structure and arrangements for community type activities.

The Council will examine situations where issues arise and ascertain if any appropriate arrangements can be put in place to further facilitate and support the community activities that are underway at many locations throughout the County.”

**Item 26: Operation of new organisation structures.**

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin

Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Begley agus glacadh leis

“Arising from the report of the County Manager to the April 2014 Meeting of the County Council on the Establishment of Municipal Districts etc., that the Chief Executive Officer up-date the Council on the operation of the new organisation structures at Headquarters (Áras an Chláir) and Municipal District levels within the County for the past 12 months in relation to service delivery, customer response, engagement with Councillors on policy implementation, cost-savings in overhead expenditure items such as legal and insurance expenses, and in this respect, the Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D. to review and report within the next 3 months on the impact of these new structures at Local Government level in the context of the Government’s “Putting People First – Action Programme for Effective Local Government”.

**Michael McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services replied as follows:**

“The structures and arrangements as outlined by the Chief Executive in April 2014 have been put in place and are operational since the establishment of the Municipal Districts last June. All the indications are that the arrangements are working satisfactorily and there has been no adverse customer response since these revised arrangements commenced.

The Monthly Management Reports on the Council meeting agenda keep the members informed on a variety of issues including policy implementation.

Cost savings in legal and insurance expenses are difficult to quantify as we are only four months into the first full year of implementation of the revised arrangements. All insurances in place in the former Town Council’s are now the responsibility of the County Council while in the case of legal expenses, the County Council has similarly taken on the responsibility for any ongoing legal issues in train in the Town Council areas of responsibility.

The response to Item 17 on today’s agenda provides further details of cost-savings in the case of the specific areas of expenditure listed.

The Annual Financial Statement (A.F.S.) for 2014 will provide detailed figures for expenditure and income under all headings and this will be before the Council at the May meeting.

If the Council agrees, the Minister will be requested to review and report on the impact of the new structures at local Government level in the context of the Government’s “Putting People First – Action Programme for Effective Local Government.”

**Item 27: H.S.E.**

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn

Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Daly agus C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council request a meeting with the new C.E.O., Professor Crown and H.S.E. Senior Management Team to assess the level of compliance with the commitments made under the H.S.E. re-configuration plan and wider and better use of Ennis Hospital, including reconsideration of the delivery in Ennis of 24 hour A&E services in light of the pressure at Limerick Regional Hospital.”

**Item 29: Leader funding.**

Ar moladh Cllr. P.J. Kelly

Cuidithe ag Cllr. T. McNamara agus glacadh leis

“That we the members of Clare County Council call on the Government to reverse its decision on cutbacks to Leader Funding for the next five years”.

The following amendment was proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllrs. T. McNamara, G. Flynn and C. Curtin and agreed.

“Before any consequent decision is made and in view of the recent announcement concerning the setting up of the L.C.D.C. and the implications for bodies like the Clare Local Development Company (C.L.D.C.) that the elected members be briefed and advice given on how this will impact on the current structures and request the C.E.O. of the L.C.D.C. not to proceed with an expression of interest to become L.A.G. pending a full and comprehensive briefing.”

G. Dollard advised that the L.C.D.C. are currently making a bid and that a briefing for members would be arranged prior to 15<sup>th</sup> May which is the closing date for the expressions of interest.

**Item 30: Farm safety.**

Cllr. P. Murphy requested that this item be deferred to the May Council meeting.

“In the interest of farm safety, I am proposing that Clare County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food, the Marine and Defence to liaise with all relevant farming organisations and examine whether provision, or use of a "panic button" would help in reducing the high number of farm accidents and fatalities”.

**Item 31: Maintenance of local roads.**

Ar moladh Cllr. P. J. Kelly

Cuidithe ag Cllrs. B. Chambers, P. McMahon agus M. Hillery agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council calls on the Government to allow County Councils to use 50% of local road tax for maintenance, repair etc. of local roads”.

**Item 32: Welfare payments.**

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Hillery  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Hayes agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council request the Department of Social Protection to cease encouraging people to receive welfare payments directly into their bank accounts”.

**Item 33: Agricultural payment scheme.**

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Hayes  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. T. McNamara agus glacadh leis

“I propose that Clare County Council condemn the manner in which Department of Agriculture Inspectors are interpreting the eligibility rules to significantly reduce the reference areas on marginal lands, in particular, lands designated under the Natura 2000 network, in Clare and calls on the minister of Agriculture to clearly define what criteria will be used by his department to determine the eligibility of marginal land for the new basic payment scheme and other associated schemes i.e. Areas of natural constraint and Glás”.

**Item 34. Comhfhreagras.**

**Vote of Congratulations**

The Leas Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of congratulations to Cllr. Cathal Crowe and his wife on the birth of their first child, this was agreed by all members present.

**Vote of Sympathy**

A vote of sympathy was extended to the O’Mahony Family, Carrigaholt on the tragic death of Bernard O’Mahony R.I.P.

**Civic Reception.**

Cllr. J. Flynn advised the meeting that the I.C.T.U. would be holding a major conference in Clare from the 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> July and proposed that Clare County Council would afford the members a Civic Reception. This was agreed by all members present.

**Correspondence.**

**The following correspondence was circulated with the agenda:**

1. Correspondence dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015 from E.S.B. in relation to Moneypoint power station.

2. Correspondence dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015 from the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources regarding the National Broadband Plan.
3. Correspondence dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 from Newry, Mourne & Down District Council regarding the twinning arrangement between Clare County Council and Newry and Mourne District Council.
4. Correspondence dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 from Iarnród Éireann in relation to Iarnród Éireann “Days out by Rail” promotional literature.
5. Correspondence dated 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 from the National Roads Authority regarding the provision of funding for footpath repairs in County Clare.
6. Correspondence dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 from Teagasc in relation to ivy on trees.
7. Correspondence dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 from the National Transport Authority in relation to integration of bus and rail services in Ennis.
8. Correspondence dated 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 from the Communications Regulation regarding broadband and telecommunications.
9. Correspondence dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 from the Department of Health concerning an air ambulance service in Co. Clare.
10. Correspondence dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015 from Mr. Pat Breen, T.D., Chairman Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs & Trade in relation to Clare County Councils applications for funding in respect of storm damage.
11. Information regarding the nomination process for the 2015 Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad.
12. Resolution adopted by Carrickmacross –Castleblayney Municipal District regarding the closure of factories.
13. Resolution adopted by Monaghan County Council in relation to Public Participation Networks.
14. Resolution adopted by Offaly County Council calling on the Government to allow councils to benefit from the revenue of traffic fines.
15. Conference entitled “The Finance Act 2014” being held in the Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.
16. L.A.M.A. Spring Training Seminar entitled “Housing Provision” taking place in Ard Rí House Hotel, Tuam, Co. Galway on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.
17. The Achilles Annual Conference 2015 entitled “A Practical Guide to Public Procurement” taking place in the Hilton Hotel Kilmainham, Dublin on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.
18. Elected Members Training Seminar entitled “Equal Status Rights Explained” taking place in the Connacht Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.
19. Conference entitled “Chambers of Commerce” being held in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth on 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.
20. Elected Members Training Seminar entitled “Animation in Volunteerism” taking place in the Connacht Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2015.
21. Environmental Services Training Group Annual Conference 2015 taking place in the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

22. Conference entitled “West Cork Tourism Conference on Internet Marketing” taking place in the Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

**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.

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The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €127.74 including conference fee of €180.

It was agreed that Cllrs. P. Burke and C. Colleran Molloy attend this Conference.

**A.I.L.G. “In Service” Training taking place in Celbridge, Co. Kildare on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €129.53 including conference fee of €50.

It was agreed that Cllrs. P. Burke and M. Begley attend this Conference.

**A.I.L.G. Annual Conference taking place in the Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross on 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €662.55 including conference fee of €125.

It was agreed that Cllr. P. Daly attend this Conference.

The meeting then concluded.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Minutes of Special Meeting of Clare County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Councillors J. Breen, J. Flynn, P. Daly, A. Norton, T. McNamara, M. Howard, P. Murphy, 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. McMahon, M. McKee, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, B. Slattery, I. Lynch, M. Hillery, P.J. Kelly, B. Chambers, G. Keating.

- Ms. Anne Haugh, Deputy Chief Executive.
- Mr. Michael McNamara, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Siobhan Garvey, Staff Officer.
- Mr. Ger Dollard, Director of Service.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Crowe presided.

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach advised the members that this meeting had been called on foot of the following request that he had received from Cllrs. G. Flynn, A. Norton, C. Colleran Molloy, P. Daly, P. McMahon and P.J. Ryan.

“We the undersigned Councillors of Clare County Council request you to hold a special meeting of the full Council to give the elected members the opportunity to debate the recent decision to sell land for a crematorium in Shannon. This we request in light of serious concerns expressed by local residents in Shannon at a recent public meeting.”

Cllr. G. Flynn proposed that representatives of the residents be allowed to address the meeting. This was agreed by all members present.

John O'Toole then addressed the meeting on behalf of the 'Concerned Shannon Residents Group'. He outlined that he was a resident of the housing estate across the road from the site of the proposed crematorium. The residents group had circulated an outline of their reasons for opposing the proposed crematorium and Mr. O'Toole went through each of the nine points listed on same. He then thanked the Cathaoirleach and members for hearing the views of the group.

Michelle Hayes also addressed the meeting on behalf of the 'Concerned Shannon Residents Group'. She outlined that she was a long time resident of Shannon and was a coach with the local athletic club whose site is adjacent to the site of the proposed crematorium. She referred to the danger of emissions from the proposed facility and also referred to the congestion that already arises in this area at school times and at sporting events and the proposed crematorium would add to this congestion.

Garry Piggott then addressed the meeting and spoke in favour of the proposed facility. He outlined that he has lived in Shannon since he was aged two. He said that Shannon lacks civic amenities and a crematorium would be an addition to the facilities in the town. He said the site proposed was discreet and stated the he could

not see traffic as being an issue and in his view traffic congestion is far worse when sporting events are taking place in the locality.

The Cathaoirleach then invited the members who had signed the request for the meeting to address the Chamber.

Cllr. G. Flynn stated that he welcomed the chance to debate the matter. He stated that the proposed site is too small and on a cul de sac. He also referred to the lack of regulation for a crematorium in this country. He asked his colleagues to have a rethink on their support for the disposal of the site for the purposes of providing a crematorium.

Cllr. A. Norton outlined that she had received representations from residents of Shannon which caused her to have a rethink and realise that not all Shannon people were in favour of the proposal. She welcomed the opportunity to hear both sides outline their views.

Cllr. C. Collieran Molloy said she had signed the request for the meeting to allow all views to be aired. Having heard the views expressed she did not hear compelling reasons to change her mind on the disposal of the property.

Cllr. P. Daly said that he would have preferred to have the crematorium in Ennis and that further discussions should take place. In his view the residents should decide.

Cllr. P. McMahon addressed the meeting and stated that most people in Shannon seem to want a crematorium in the town but in a different location. He stated that no representations had been made to him on the matter until the past week or two. He does not wish to have the facility imposed on people who live near the site.

Cllr. P.J. Ryan outlined that he had changed his mind on the proposal having heard the views of local people. He stated that the meeting the local residents had convened was very emotive and having regard to the views expressed there he was recommending to his colleagues to reconsider the proposal to sell the lands for a crematorium.

Cllr. M. McKee addressed the meeting and outlined his reasons for being in favour of the facility. He gave details of a survey he carried out and in his view this survey was representative of the people in Shannon.

As no other member indicated their wish to speak the Cathaoirleach declared the meeting over at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting then concluded.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_