

Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting of Clare County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on Monday, 12th November, 2018 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, 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, I. Lynch, P.J. Kelly, B. Chambers, G. Keating.

- Mr. Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.
- Ms. Ann Reynolds, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Margaret O'Rourke, Assistant Staff Officer.
- Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Social Development.
- Mr. Liam Conneally, Director of Economic Development.
- Ms. Carmel Kirby, Director of Physical Development.
- Ms. Noeleen Fitzgerald, A/Head of Finance.
- Ms. Monica Meehan, Senior Executive Officer, Rural Development.
- Mr. Sean Lenihan, Senior Engineer.
- Mr. Brian McCarthy, Senior Engineer.
- Mr. Padraic McElwee, Head of Enterprise.
- Ms. Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development.
- Mr. Cyril Feeney, Senior Engineer.
- Mr. John Leahy, Senior Engineer.
- Mr. John Corry, Administrative Officer, Transportation.
- Ms. Siobhan Mulcahy, Senior Executive Officer, Social Development.
- Ms. Caroline O'Connor, Management Accountant.
- Ms. Trina Rynne, Financial Accountant.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Michael Begley presided.

At the outset, Cllr. C. Crowe proposed that the meeting acknowledge the centenary of the Armistice, 100 years since the end of World War I and to remember the 6,000 Clare people who went to war in France and Belgium. This was supported by the elected members present and a minutes silence was observed in their memory.

Vote of sympathy.

A vote of sympathy was expressed to the following:

- The family of Micheál Ó Súilleabháin, Newport, Co. Tipperary, founder of the Irish World Music Centre in UL.
- The family of Betty Lynch, O'Briensbridge.

- The family of Ann Fitzgerald, Tullycrine, Kilrush.

Vote of congratulations.

A vote of congratulations was expressed to the following:

- Willow, Ennis on winning 2018 Retail Excellence Ireland Store of the Year Award.
- Bambinos, Ennis and Shannon Duty Free who ranked in top 5 Store Finalists at the Retail Excellence Awards.
- Ballyea Hurling Club on winning the Senior Hurling County Final.
- Miltown Malbay Football Club on winning the Senior Football County Final.

Item 1: Minutes of Council Meetings.

- a. Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P.J. Ryan agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the October Meeting of Clare County Council held on 8th October, 2018 be adopted and signed.”

Item 2: Matters Arising.

Cllr. G. Keating sought an update in relation to Item No. 23 in the October agenda in relation to housing grants. P. Dowling, Chief Executive said that the Council will look into this and will revert to Cllr. G. Keating.

Item 3: Minutes of Municipal District Meetings.

- a. Ar moladh Cllr. P. Daly
Cuidithe ag Cllr. A. Norton agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Ennis Municipal District Meeting held on the 11th September, 2018 be noted.”

Item 4: Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meetings.

The members noted the minutes of the meeting held on 1st October, 2018 as presented.

Item 5: 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. J. Flynn acknowledged the very ambitious programme of works being undertaken by the Project Management Office. He stated that Ennis needs double the current reservoir capacity and outlined details of noise pollution problem being caused by the Clonroad Treatment Plant at Cappahard, Tulla Road.

Cllr. I. Lynch expressed congratulations to Gerard Hartnett, Senior Executive Health and Safety Officer and his team on Clare County Council being named the winner of the Mid West Regional Award at the 27th Annual NISO Occupational Safety Awards 2018.

Cllr. C. Curtin expressed concern in relation to projects being referred to the O.P.W. for consideration and the undue delay on the ground as a result. He queried the role of the E.P.A. and the scarcity of contractors to do work on water mains.

Cyril Feeney, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised. He stated that capital works on Ennis Main Drainage falls under the remit of Irish Water and that significant upgrade works had been undertaken on the Clonroadmore WWTP and at Clareabbey WWTP. He stated that the noise issue is due to optimisation works at Clonroadmore WWTP and Irish Water are aware of the problem and will be implementing proposals in the near future to abate this issue.

In response to query raised by Cllr. C. Curtin, C. Feeney, Senior Engineer stated that Irish Water have a range of capital projects in relation to upgrade works to water treatment plants in Quin, Kilfenora, Shannon, Kilmihil and Miltown Malbay and the UTAS project. He stated that there is not a shortage of contractors, schemes are being delivered under frameworks and there are legal issues when the framework finishes and this can delay projects. These are procedural elements that Irish Water have to adhere to. In relation to the role of the E.P.A., they are the overall watchdog for Irish Water who continue to inspect water treatment plants for any licence infringements.

Cllr. M. Begley welcomed the news that works are completed on the water main from Clonlara to Connors Cross.

Cllr. P. Hayes referred to the need for a programme of works for repairing public lights.

Cllr. C. Crowe welcomed the appointment of Aidan O'Rourke as Senior Executive Engineer in Shannon Municipal District and requested that the appointment of replacement staff be expedited. He referred to lack of a funding mechanism to install new public lights in towns and villages. He expressed disappointment that the Part VIII application for flood relief scheme in Springfield, Clonlara was withdrawn and requested that this be progressed without delay.

P. Dowling, Chief Executive reassured Cllr. C. Crowe that the Council share the sentiments expressed and that every effort will be made to progress this issue as quickly as possible.

Item 6: Policy on the provision of Columbarium Walls by Clare County Council.

Report dated 1st November, 2018 from Monica Meehan, Senior Executive Officer, Rural Development Directorate was circulated with the agenda together with the "Policy on the Provision of Columbarium Walls by Clare County Council". The report states that in accordance with Section 48(1) of the Local Government Act 2001

(as amended) the Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee considered the draft policy on the provision of Columbarium Walls by Clare County Council at their meeting on the 18th September, 2018 and recommended that the policy be tabled for final approval at a meeting of Clare County Council.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Hayes

Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That pursuant to Clause 9 (d) of the Burial Ground Bye-Laws 2015, Clare County Council proceed with the adoption of the Draft Policy on the Provision of Columbarium Walls”.

Item 7: County Clare Waste Management Bye-Laws, 2018.

Report dated 1st November, 2018 from William Freney, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Section was circulated with the agenda together with Draft County Clare Waste Management Bye-Laws 2018. The report states that Clare County Council has reviewed its Waste Management Bye-Laws during 2018 in accordance with Policy Action C.2.1 of the Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021 which states

“Review/introduce presentation of waste bye-laws across the region, to maximise the quantity and quality of recyclable waste collected and amend/replace/introduce new bye-laws if appropriate”

Clare County Council advertised the Draft County Clare Waste Management Bye-Laws, 2018 in newspapers on week ending 29th July, 2018 following presentation at the Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting and subsequent approval of full Council to proceed to public consultation.

Public display commenced on 30th July, 2018 for a period of 8 weeks until the 21st September, 2018. The Draft County Clare Waste Management Bye-Laws 2018 were also sent to the relevant Government Ministers and Garda Siochana Districts within County Clare as part of the process. English and Irish versions of the Draft County Clare Waste Management Bye-Laws 2018 and frequently asked questions were available in Council Offices in Ennis HQ, Ennistymon, Killaloe, Kilrush and Shannon.

Two submissions were received and have been addressed.

The adoption of the County Clare Waste Management Bye-Laws 2018 in accordance with Policy Action C.2.1 of the Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021.

There was a discussion about the provision and location of bins in the town centre to prevent bins being located in lane ways. C. Kirby, Director of Service stated that this is being addressed in the public realm project. The elected members stated that further clarification will be required around Bye Law No. 9 in relation to kerbside collection service.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Keating

Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Cooney agus glacadh leis

“Clare County Council, pursuant to Section 35(1) of the Waste Management Act 1996 and Section 199(1) of the Local Government Act 2001 and in accordance with Part 19

of the Local Government Act 2001, hereby makes the County Clare Waste Management Bye-Laws 2018.”

Item 8: Clare Public Participation Network Report July to September 2018.

Clare Public Participation Network Report from July to September 2018 was noted. The report outlined the activities and achievements of the Clare PPN during that time.

Item 9: Briefing on the Ennis Data Centre at 3:00 p.m.

Liam Conneally, Director of Economic Development briefed the elected members on Ennis Data Centre.

The presentation outlined details of the Clare County Council expression of interest competition held in November 2017, the selection of the preferred site, scheme design, location and zoning, due diligence and key attributes of site, strategic infrastructure development application, employment and economic benefits and Ennis site differentiators.

The elected members welcomed the presentation and stated that it is important that the variation to the County Development Plan is adopted to facilitate this.

Item 10: Presentation to Chief Supt. John Kerin on his retirement at 6:30 p.m.

A presentation was made to Chief Supt. John Kerin to acknowledge his retirement and to congratulate him on his distinguished career as a valued member of An Garda Síochána. His participation on the Clare Joint Policing Committee and his contribution to various charities, community groups and his support of local authority initiatives was also acknowledged.

Item 11: Derelict Sites Act.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. McMahon
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Hayes agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council examine the potential of the Derelict Sites Act to acquire properties in towns and villages suitable for housing developments to help address the shocking shortage of accommodation for families and individuals.”

Anne Haugh, Director of Service replied as follows:

“Following on from the C.S.O. publication on vacant property statistics in Clare the Council prepared a report on vacant homes in the County. This report indicated that, when holiday homes were removed from the consideration, vacancy in Clare was broadly in line with vacancy rates throughout the Country. Another consideration is that the derelict properties are not usually in areas of significant housing demand and

tend to be large detached properties in the countryside which are not suited to the needs of a Housing Authority.

That said the Councils Vacant Homes Officer is working on a list of 155 properties identified as vacant in towns and villages with demand for social housing. The reasons for vacancy are many, therefore the compulsory purchase of vacant property is not straightforward and where possible we will seek to acquire the properties by agreement. It should be noted that costs for property acquisition (whether by agreement or by C.P.O.) incurred above the limits of the unit ceiling costs set by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government are payable by the Council from own resources. Properties acquired through the C.P.O. process are invariably more expensive due to legal and procedural costs with the added risk that those with interest in the title of the property have 12 months after the acquisition by C.P.O. to seek compensation.

The Society of Chartered Surveyors of Ireland has produced ‘*A clear guide to Compulsory Purchase Orders and Compensation*’ and this document is available to download from the Citizens Information website. The process is resource intensive with up to 10 steps to successfully execute a C.P.O. on a property. That said the Council remain open to utilising this power where the twofold benefit of addressing dereliction and providing social housing can be demonstrated.”

The elected members agreed that the Council needs to look into this issue and devise a policy to address population decline. The definition of a vacant house was queried concerning people hospitalised for a period of time.

Anne Haugh, Director of Service responded to queries raised. She stated that if a house is vacant for more than 30 days, the Council should be made aware of the circumstances as the insurance company must be notified.

She stated that the Councils Vacant Homes Officer is working on a list of 155 properties, we are delivering properties that have been vacant and 47 sales have been agreed and the work is yielding a return. She informed the meeting that the C.P.O. procedure is being used but it is too early to assess how the process will work as it is a lengthy procedure.

Item 12. Traveller accommodation funding.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn

“I am calling on Clare County Council to provide a financial breakdown of all expenditure involved and source of funding concerning traveller accommodation in the county for the years 2016/ 2017 and projected figure for 2018 to cover:

- (a) Accommodation
- (b) Maintenance
- (c) Waste Collection
- (d) Security
- (e) Legal costs to defend all cases against the Council and a breakdown of the cost involved in dealing with illegal encampments throughout County Clare during the period indicated in this request.”

Siobhan Mulcahy, Senior Executive Officer replied as follows:

“Hereunder please find table outlining revenue expenditure as requested, it should be noted this expenditure is direct spending on traveller accommodation and does not take into account salary and associated cost.

Revenue Expenditure

	2016	2017	2018*	2018**
Accommodation	€23,344	€76,900	€1,910	€1,910
Maintenance	€18,196	€46,759	€40,142	€68,000
Waste Collection	€8,440	€66,570	€62,257	€95,000
Security	€1,351	€6,657	€102,789	€20,000
Legal costs	€2,017	€3,580	€45,788	€60,000
Illegal encampment		€2,683	€0,720	€3,000

* expenditure to date

** projected expenditure to year end”

In response to query from Cllr. G. Flynn, A. Haugh, Director of Service stated that this is funded through the Council’s revenue expenditure.

Item 13. Housing crisis.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Breen

Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Collieran Molloy agus glacadh leis

“That the building that is currently for sale, Carmody Street, Ennis, that can accommodate 100 people, the Council consider purchasing this building with a view to provide flats to help to eliminate the housing crisis in Ennis.”

Anne Haugh, Director of Service replied as follows:

“The Council are working closely with the Approved Housing Body sector to identify all viable options for housing in the Ennis area.

In this regard all existing properties which are available for purchase are receiving consideration including a detailed appraisal of the development/refurbishment works required to meet building standards and compliance with unit cost ceilings set by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.”

Item 14. Animal Welfare in Clare.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn

“Animal Welfare in Clare.

I ask for a report on the outcomes of both;

- a) the recent public tendering for new contract for the provision of services on behalf of Clare County Council in connection with the Council's Statutory responsibilities under the "Control of Dogs" legislation and;
- b) the National Framework tendering for a contract for the provision of services in Clare under the "Control of Horses" legislation.

Such a report to include, among other things,

- 1) the Clare statistics since 2014 for both Control of Dogs and Control of Horses,
- 2) expected progress in animal welfare outcomes in Clare under terms of new contracts."

Carmel Kirby, Director of Service replied as follows:

"Tender process for provision of services under Control of Dogs legislation

Clare County Council contracts a service provider for the provision of the Dog Warden service and to operate and manage the county dog shelter. The current contract expires at the end of December 2018.

An open tendering procedure is being followed by Clare County Council in relation to the new contract which will commence from January 2019. As required by the contract value, an open procedure Request For Tenders (R.F.T.) was published on e-tenders and OJEU on 23 July 2018. The deadline for receipt of submissions was 10th September, 2018. Tender assessment has been carried out by an evaluation panel involving an evaluation of the information provided in response to the R.F.T. document and a qualitative assessment under Qualifications Criteria as outlined in the R.F.T.

A letter of offer has issued from Procurement Unit following which there will be a cooling off period, in compliance with EU tendering procedures. As the process is still ongoing, Clare County Council is precluded at this stage from identifying the relevant contractor.

Tender Process for provision of services under Control of Horses legislation

A request for tenders to establish a multi supplier framework agreement for the provision of services for the control of stray, abandoned and unidentified horses was managed nationally by the Education Procurement Service (E.P.S.). The resulting Framework was activated in July 2018. Clare County Council entered into a contract with Hungry Horse Outside Ltd., Longford, to carry out the Control of Horses function, from 1st September, 2018.

Progress in Animal Welfare Outcomes for dogs and horses under new contracts

All dogs that enter the Clare Dog Shelter are assessed by a vet, are vaccinated and microchipped and this will continue under the terms of the new contract. Dogs which are not rehomed directly from the shelter are referred to reputable animal charities and rescues in Ireland including Dogs Trust and specialist breed rescues. The emphasis in the new contract will continue to be on rehoming dogs wherever possible. It should be noted that there is a dependency on charities and rescues to take the surplus of dogs at Clare Dog Shelter. Numbers of dogs surrendered and seized have fallen considerably over the past number of years, for example there was a throughput of 1,000 dogs in 2014 which has reduced significantly to 353 for the first nine months of 2018. If intake was to increase, it could pose difficulties in rehoming. The Clare Dog

Shelter facebook page advertises dogs available for rehoming, in addition to the existing drop-in service at the dog shelter from Monday to Saturday. Opening hours are being revised to cover 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to further facilitate visitors to the shelter, under the new contract.

Animal health arrangements were comprehensively and clearly addressed in the R.F.T. document and the tender specification for the new contract. Special conditions include regular unannounced inspections, compliance with SOP documentation in relation to hygiene standards and disease control prevention, feeding, exercise, socialising etc. The provision of 24 hour emergency veterinary care will continue to be required and it is the responsibility of the contractor to employ a veterinary practice proficient in the treatment of dogs to do such work.

Refurbishment work being carried out by Clare County Council at Clare Dog Shelter will also be of benefit. New flooring will facilitate maintenance of hygiene standards, new windows, improvements to heating, new dog beds and hatches to exercise runs will improve the standard of facility being provided to dogs.

Under the terms of the new contract in relation to the provision of services under the Control of Horses legislation, equines will be held at the pound facility being provided by Hungry Horse Outside Ltd in Longford. Horses or donkeys which have been impounded and are not reclaimed by their owners, will be rehomed direct to Hungry Horse Outside Ltd. for rehabilitation, passporting, castration and for training if required. Hungry Horse Outside take responsibility for rehoming the animals. Euthanasia will be used only as a last resort in circumstances where the equine is in a state of pain or distress warranting euthanasia on humane grounds. When ready, horses will be offered for rehoming to the general public by H.H.O. at a cost. The vast majority will enter the H.H.O. European Rehoming programme for horses and donkeys.

Statistics

Control of Dog stats

Year	Dogs on hands at start of year	No. surrendered	No. Seized or found	Total throughput of dogs at Clare Dog Shelter	No. Reclaimed	No. Rehomed (includes to sent to Rescue)	No. euthanized	No. on hands at year end
2018 (to end Sept.)	5	175	173	353	73	262	14	4 (@end Sept.)
2017	4	381	352	737	106	607	19	5
2016	9	373	404	786	141	513	129	4

2015	6	415	399	820	177	457	183	9
2014	7	471	522	1,000	212	378	270	6

Control of Horses stats

Year	No. Impounded	No. reclaimed by owner	No. rehomed	No. euthanized
2018 (to end Sept.)	11	0	6	5
2017	18	1	2	15
2016	11	1	0	10
2015	47	2	0	45
2014	35	0	0	35

Item 15. Management of outdoor and public amenity areas.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin

Cuidithe ag Cllrs. I. Lynch, J. Flynn agus G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That the Council would carry out a review of its current policy on the management of outdoor and public amenity areas (beaches, piers, lakes, etc.) under its jurisdiction and this review to cover

- (a) Maintenance practice
- (b) Litter management
- (c) Collaboration with local community groups
- (d) Engagement with other relevant statutory agencies
- (e) Health & safety facilities and electric charging points
- (f) Budgets (defined)

and arising from same that the Council devise an appropriate policy to meet the recommendations.”

Cllr. C. Curtin stated that the word “parks” should be included after lakes to read “(beaches, piers, lakes, parks, etc.)”

Carmel Kirby, Director of Service replied as follows:

“A cross-departmental staff group from the Rural and Physical Development Directorates will examine the needs in this service area and develop and cost a proposal. A meeting of this group has already convened for a preliminary discussion. The review will cover the items listed in this motion.”

The elected members referred to the need for sustainability in managing these facilities and emphasised that public toilets need to be opened on time for the duration of the tourist season.

P. Dowling, Chief Executive agreed with the sentiments expressed. He stated that water related activities are important for the county and that these issues should not be ongoing issues. He said the Council need to be creative and innovative and work in partnership with local communities to resolve these issues.

Cllr. C. Curtin stated that investment has been made in outdoor amenities and that other statutory bodies must play a part in maintaining them. He stated that the Council need to work in collaboration with local communities and he looks forward to the review.

Cllr. G. Flynn commended all volunteers working with Clare County Council.

C. Kirby, Director of Service stated that the Council aims to increase visitor numbers across the county and agreed that these facilities have to be maintained and that the Council will collaborate with communities in this regard.

Item 16. Assessment of all road markings.

Ar moladh Cllr. P.J. Ryan

Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. McKee agus glacadh leis

“That this Council would do a full assessment of all road markings in the county as over time a lot of them have faded and are unreadable posing a threat to road safety.”

John Leahy, Senior Engineer replied as follows:

“Road markings around the county are being continually monitored in the Municipal Districts by Supervisors and by Municipal District technical staff. Road lining is weather dependent and is usually carried out during the delivery of the roadworks programme from March to October. In addition to roads that have been reconstructed and that have been surface dressed, lining is also carried out on roads not covered under the roadworks programme on a priority basis.

There is no specific grant for upgrading of lining of roads that are not included on the roadworks programme and this additional work has to be paid for from the maintenance grants. Notwithstanding the above, Municipal Districts will be requested

to carry out a review of road lining in their areas over the coming months with a view to including some locations on a priority basis with the 2019 programme of work.”

Item 17. Carbon footprint reduction.

Due to the absence of Cllr. M. Hillery, this motion was moved by Cllr. T. McNamara Cuidithe ag Cllr. R. Nagle agus glacadh leis

“That the management of Clare County Council would give an update on the progress to achieve the 33% carbon footprint reduction by 2020 in energy for the 13,000 public lights in the county and the financial arrangements put in place by the Government to facilitate the Local Authority to install LED technology which in turn would support very significant energy savings.”

John Leahy, Senior Engineer replied as follows:

“It is the intention of Clare County Council to participate in a National Local Authority Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project and to avail of borrowing funding for the capital investment required to undertake the project subject to statutory processes and approvals. The Road Management Office (R.M.O.) recently confirmed that consultants are in place for preparing design and tender documents and are tasked with getting the first region out to tender in the second quarter of 2019.

While there is a considerable capital cost involved in the initial contract there will be significant financial savings from the new energy efficiency lighting during the lifetime of the new lights.”

Item 18. Cycle lanes.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. McKee
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. McMahon agus glacadh leis

“Clare County Council seek greater enforcement to ensure cycle lanes are kept free from vehicle parking.”

John Leahy, Senior Engineer replied as follows:

“It is illegal for vehicles to park on cycle lanes. I am not aware of the extent of such illegal parking however we will undertake to discuss with Traffic Wardens and An Garda Síochána, who can both issue fines for such illegal parking. At present Traffic Wardens are responsible for enforcing illegal parking in specified locations however consideration can be given to widening these areas to include cycle lanes, should there be a requirement to do so.

Clare County Council undertook a publicity campaign to inform the public what the various signs and lines meant when cycle lanes were introduced as part of the Active Travel Town Schemes and could undertake to do so again if it is apparent that such illegal parking is taking place.”

The elected members agreed that cycling is a popular sport and that an education campaign for both drivers and cyclists would be a worthwhile project. It was requested that cycle lanes be swept on a regular basis as loose gravel, twigs and broken glass can lead to punctures.

Item 19. Local Improvement Schemes.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Crowe

“To ask the Chief Executive; with reference to Local Improvement Schemes -

- 1) How many live applications are currently with Clare County Council?
- 2) What total length of roadway has been applied for?
- 3) What would be the total cost to fulfill all applications (as per question 1)?
- 3) What is the total number of applied schemes (as per question 1) which have been approved in 2018?
- 4) What is the value of funding approved in 2018?
- 5) What length of roadway has been funded in 2018?”

John Corry, Administrative Officer replied as follows:

“Due to the fact that the previously existing list of applications in respect of Local Improvement Schemes was several years in existence and was found, in many cases, not to reflect current realities, it was decided earlier this year to re-advertise the scheme and to develop an up-to-date list of expressions of interest. The closing date for receipt of applications was set for March 29th. I will deal with each of the 6 questions above in similar order as follows:

1. The total no. of valid L.I.S. applications submitted was 280. A grant allocation of €482,000 was approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development in February 2018 which facilitated works being carried out to 13 L.I.S. schemes. The Council applied for further grant funding of €91,137 in early April 2018 to facilitate 22 further L.I.S. projects being undertaken. The Department have just announced grant funding of €56,844 which will facilitate works being carried out on a number of these aforementioned 22 L.I.S. schemes by the end of 2018.
2. The total road length in relation to the 13 L.I.S. schemes where works have been completed is 7.3 km and is 14.96 km in respect of the 22 L.I.S. schemes submitted to the Department seeking additional funding (referred to at 1 above). It would be an onerous task to carry out an analysis of the total length of roadway or the estimated cost of works required for the remaining L.I.S. applications received. This, however will be carried out in due course and further applications submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development seeking additional funding.
3. See 2 above
4. A total of 13 schemes were approved for funding and completed for which a grant allocation of €482,000 was made available. Further to the recent grant allocation of €56,844 letters have issued from Clare County Council to 22 further L.I.S.

applicants requesting them to submit their local contribution in respect of such schemes. Once the Council has received responses to this correspondence it will determine how many of the 22 applications will be approved for grant funding for works to be undertaken in 2018.

5. The value of funding approved in 2018 is €1,038,844.
6. The total road length in relation to the 13 L.I.S. schemes where works have been completed is 7.3 km and is 14.96 km in respect of the 22 L.I.S. schemes submitted to the Department seeking additional funding.”

Cllr. C. Crowe stated that the funding being allocated to Clare County Council from central Government is not sufficient to cover the volume of local roads in the county.

Item 20. Hedge and vegetation cutting around road signs.

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

“That Clare County Council clean and maintain and carry out hedge and vegetation cutting around all road signs throughout the County once a year in the interest of road safety.”

John Leahy, Senior Engineer replied as follows:

“Landowners in County Clare with road frontage are encouraged to avail of the Council Hedgecutting Grant. This has proven to be a very successful initiative generally. An allocation of €5,000 was made available in the 2018 Roadworks Programme. Where there are Health & Safety issues, intervention from the Council is needed from time to time at locations where there are obscured sightlines.

The priorities are:

- (a) Busy National, Regional and Local Primary Roads.
- (b) Junctions.
- (c) Approaches to towns and villages.
- (d) Around signs.

Area Engineers and Supervisors in general are cognisant of the issue and they do prioritise in this regard.

There is no specific fund available within the grants structure to deal with this issue. The budget comes from the general maintenance budget and is limited. It will be re-emphasised to Area Engineers the importance of ensuring that appropriate hedgecutting receives the requisite level of attention particularly around signs.”

Cllr. J. Cooney stated that focus is also required on the cleaning and maintenance of road signs and that vegetation around signs be removed in all local and minor roads to improve visibility.

Item 21. Video link conferencing.

Ar moladh Cllr. I. Lynch
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Keating agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council develop and implement a policy to introduce video link conferencing system for attendance and participation at S.P.C. meetings.”

Leonard Cleary, Director of Service replied as follows:

“The IT/Digital/Broadband Department and the Corporate Services Department will jointly examine this proposal.”

Cllr. I. Lynch stated that this initiative would help to broaden accessibility in attending meetings as it can be difficult to organise meetings. It would also eliminate travel time for elected members.

P. Dowling, Chief Executive stated that while there may be occasions where it may be necessary to facilitate this request, there are guidelines for attending meetings. He agreed that this will be examined and that the Council is committed to the best use of technology to facilitate efficient operation of its business.

Item 22. Shannon Estuary Way.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Murphy

“What is the current status of the “Shannon Estuary Way”, when will the relevant infrastructure be erected/in place and what kind of marketing strategy will support this important initiative?”

Leonard Cleary, Director of Service replied as follows:

“Fáilte Ireland is leading the Shannon Estuary Way, which is a spur tout off the Wild Atlantic Way. It is a unique visitor experience. The aim is to retain high visitor numbers who are travelling along the Wild Atlantic Way to spend on services /products in the towns and villages along the Shannon Estuary.

Clare County Council’s Tourism Unit (Rural Development) is leading the local authority partnership with Fáilte Ireland. The Municipal District Offices are delivering the installation of the signage etc and works associated with maintaining public roads.

The Shannon Estuary Way will be marketed by Fáilte Ireland and will also be promoted under the new Clare Tourism Strategy, which is currently at consultation stage.”

Item 23. Civic and Mayoral Receptions.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Howard
Cuidithe ag Cllrs. A. O’Callaghan agus J. Breen agus glacadh leis

“This Council as the primary decision making body of Clare County Council retrieve the ability to grant Civic & Mayoral Receptions.”

Ann Reynolds, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services replied as follows:

"Schedule 3 Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2014 sets out the reserved functions of the Local Authority. Part 2 of Schedule 3 confirms that:

"The decision of a local authority to confer a civic honour on a person is a reserved function".

The provision under which this reserved function is conferred is Section 74 of the Local Government Act 2001:

Section 74 (1) (a) A local authority may confer a civic honour on a distinguished person in such a manner as it may determine, including the admission of the person to the honorary freedom of its administrative area, and may establish and maintain a roll or other record in which to enter the names of persons so honoured.

(b) The Cathaoirleach may without prejudice to paragraph (a), propose a person for a civic honour under this section.

This Council adopted revised standing Orders at the Council meeting on 7th May, 2017 which included the following provision with regard to Civic receptions:

70. "Civic Receptions are awarded by the Council in recognition of major or significant achievements by an individual, Group or Organisation. This recognition is the highest award or honour that can be bestowed by the Council. Following consideration by the C.P.G. of a request to award a Civic reception, a recommendation would then be prepared by the C.P.G. and would be brought to the elected members of Council for ratification / approval".

Should the members determine that Standing Order No. 70 now requires review it is open to the members to refer the matter to the standing orders subcommittee for review."

The elected members present agreed that Standing Orders should be reviewed. It was noted that Civic Receptions should be a unique honour and that receptions can be provided at Municipal District level. It was also noted that the decision to grant a Mayoral Reception is at discretion of the Mayor of the day. The issue of communication between C.P.G. members and party groupings was also raised.

Item 24. G.M.A.

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

"That the C.E.O. reverses his proposal to reduce G.M.A. in forthcoming estimates because of its negative impact on rural communities."

Noeleen Fitzgerald, A/Head of Finance replied as follows:

"The Local Government Act 2001 Section 102 as amended by The Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides the legislative basis for the preparation of the draft local authority budget.

This 2019 draft budget process commenced in August 2018 with the Corporate Policy Group (C.P.G.) involved from the preliminary phases of preparation including the

process around the Local Property Tax Adjustment factor determination. This consultation with the C.P.G. focused on the overall financial position of the local authority and discussed a number of key items of financial consequences for 2019 including any variation in basic rate of Local Property Tax (L.P.T.), the amount of General Municipal Allocation to be provided to municipal districts, income reductions over previous years and increased non discretionary expenditure. The full council was also briefed in August on these emerging financial demands and the impact on the draft budget process.

The amount an authority can provide by way of a General Municipal Allocation is dependent on the total level of income available to it, and the non-discretionary costs that must be met as a first call on that income, including at municipal district level. This allocation is in addition to the Schedule of Municipal District Works completed at the start of every financial year.

Following the preparation and launch of the Clare Rural Development Strategy, a number of projects are now being progressed. These are funded under various grant schemes such as CLÁR, L.I.S., Town & Village Renewal Grants, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, Healthy Ireland, Community Facilities Scheme etc. In addition, Clare County Council have budgeted for a Community Support Grant Scheme. All projects are in line with the eight targets in the Rural Development Strategy.

The draft budget as presented provides for increased expenditure over the previous year and will be considered by members at the statutory budget 2019 meeting scheduled for November 16th. This draft budget provides for continued investment in our rural communities as provided in 2018.

The adoption of the budget continues to be a reserved function of the local authority where members shall by resolution adopt the draft local authority budget with or without amendment.”

The elected members communicated their disapproval in relation to the reduction of €75,000 in General Municipal Allocation per Municipal District. It was felt that this reduction will be detrimental to rural Clare as this money is needed at community level. It was noted that this is a countywide problem and that Clare County Council is being penalised by central government despite the fact that we are being compliant in paying Local Property Tax.

P. Dowling, Chief Executive stated that Clare County Council ran a deficit for two decades and now had a balanced budget. He informed the members that the Rural Development Directorate have distributed €4m to community groups in the county. He stated that the Budget meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, 16th November at 3:00 p.m. and this is a matter to be discussed at that meeting.

Adjourn meeting.

As the time had reached 6:30 p.m. it was agreed to defer the remaining items to an adjourned meeting. The elected members present agreed that the adjourned meeting will take place on Friday, 16th November at 1:15 p.m. prior to the budget meeting.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Minutes of the adjourned November Meeting of Clare County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on Friday, 16th November, 2018 at 1:15 p.m.

Present:

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

- Mr. Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.
- Ms. Ann Reynolds, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Margaret O’Rourke, Corporate Services.
- Mr. Leonard Cleary, Director of Service.
- Mr. Noeleen Fitzgerald, A/Head of Finance.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Michael Begley presided.

Item 25. Income receipts.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin

Cuidithe ag Cllr. T. McNamara agus glacadh leis

“That the Chief Executive update the Council on income receipts in Clare for motor tax, property tax and commercial rates in 2017 and 2018 (to date) and in the context of the 97% compliance of the county’s householders with the payment of the property tax that the Council recommends to the Government that the full amount collected under this heading in the county be allocated to the Council.”

Noeleen Fitzgerald, A/Head of Finance replied as follows:

“Set out below is a table setting out the information requested:

Year	Motor Tax	Local Property Tax	Commercial Rates
	€m	€m	€m
2017	€9.397	€10.079	€38.298
2018	€6.583 (Jan-Sep)	€10.090	€33.767 (Jan-Sep)

Notes:

In the case of motor tax part of the income is collected through the motor tax offices and remitted to the exchequer, the remainder is collected through the online system and remitted to the exchequer.

Local Property Tax is collected directly by the Revenue Commissioners. The amounts shown for Clare are based on statistics issued by the Revenue Commissioners in June, 2018.”

The elected members present agreed that the equalisation fund is unfair and that this issue should be raised with Clare Oireachtas Members.

P. Dowling, Chief Executive stated that this is a very important issue and it is important to be aware that the Council made a very detailed submission on this matter in October. It was agreed that a copy of this submission will be made available to the elected members.

Item 26. Invite E.S.B. to brief elected members.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Keating
Cuidithe ag Cllr. I. Lynch agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council invite representatives from the E.S.B. to brief members on the future of Moneypoint Power Station in view of Ireland’s commitments on Climate Change and recent developments at Bord na Mona.”

P. Dowling, Chief Executive informed the elected members that the Council has been engaging in detailed discussions with Moneypoint and that meetings have taken place with staff members and senior management in relation to the strategic process for the period beyond 2025.

Item 27. V.A.T. on hospitality sector.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. McMahon
Cuidithe ag Cllrs. P.J. Ryan agus J. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council ask the Government to put in place a strategy to alleviate the dire consequences of the 50% V.A.T. hike on the hospitality sector and other affected sectors.”

Item 28. Local community employment scheme.

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

“Due to the extreme difficulty community sponsor groups are experiencing filling vacancies on their local community employment scheme; I call on the Rural Development Directorate of Clare County Council to call on the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection Regina Doherty, T.D. to reduce the age limit of the “Eligibility Criteria - Service Support Stream” that allows participants to continue working on a community employment scheme when they have their

allocated time completed from the current age of 62 down to 55 and increase the current 10% limit of the workforce up to 25% of the workforce.”

Leonard Cleary, Director of Service replied as follows:

“A deputation of Elected Members from Clare County Council met with Deputy Regina Doherty, Minister for Employment and Social Protection in Autumn in 2017 with a follow up in Spring 2018. The deputation included: Cllr. Tom McNamara (Mayor in 2017/2018), Cllr. Joe Cooney, Cllr. Pat Hayes, Cllr. Alan O’Callaghan, Cllr. Paul Murphy, Cllr. Michael Hillery, Cllr. Mike McKee. The Chief Executive, Director and Senior Executive Officer, Rural Development also attended.

The deputation proposed that County Clare be designated as a pilot by the Department of Employment and Social Protection and through the means of demonstration projects to develop solutions to current blockages being experienced in relation to specific community and social employment scheme in rural counties. This proposal was made in the context of the launch of the Clare Rural Development Strategy as the first county rural development strategy in the country.

It is proposed that this pilot be approved in the form of a delegated flexibility in the operation of the following specific social and employment schemes in Clare:

- Community Employment
- TÚS
- RSS: Rural Social Scheme

This pilot could have a particular focus on rural decline factors and the needs of elderly rural participants on schemes. This is in order to release blockages currently being experienced by potential participants and sponsors of schemes. Also, that a new derivation of the R.S.S. Scheme be developed for small urban areas experiencing disadvantage.

Key Issues/blockages:

The deputation emphasised to the Minister the very positive working relationships with local staff of the Department of Social Protection and that the deputation were seeking national policy change. The deputation briefed the Minister on key issues and blockages experienced in County Clare as follows:

Social and employment schemes in Clare contribute to a range of voluntary community development projects and services. For example community administration, sports clubs, community amenities/facilities, daycare etc. The scheme participants have a pride in their place and want to contribute to their community. There is a mutual benefit in terms of skills development, dignity in employment experience and achievement of valuable community projects. In this endeavour, a number of issues and blockages are current being experienced in rural County Clare in some of the schemes. The following views were expressed by the Deputation:

- Both CE and TÚS need to obtain more names of eligible persons in order to populate the schemes. This is on the basis that TÚS has significant vacancies and CE currently has many places unoccupied.
- Due to contractual commitments with Turas Nua, a high number of eligible persons are being referred first to Turas Nua. They are thus “joined-up” for one year and not eligible for CE and TÚS.

- Similarly when a self-referral occurs, persons are more likely to be directed towards Turas Nua. This makes them ineligible for CE and TÚS.
- The consensus view emerging from voluntary groups is that the CE and TÚS scheme are too short at one year duration.
- Over 55's and older persons are experiencing blockages to participation in the scheme. Three years is not considered sufficient for an over 55. This is because in most rural areas employment prospects are poor. Such persons have much to offer/contribute to the community up to their pension age and should not be ineligible for schemes.
- While the RSS participant numbers are full, there is a need to expand the numbers in order to maximize the impact on the delivery of important social and community work in rural areas.
- The limits on criteria for Farm Assist can create challenges for RSS.
- There is a need to avoid situations whereby people who want to work on Community and Employment and TÚS are not being allowed to join the scheme.
- Duration of work available on schemes.
- Eligibility to re-apply for schemes once completed is a challenge.
- Opportunities for progression can be limited due to a number of barriers e.g. lack of transport, own transports costs etc.
- Low population numbers in rural areas is a challenge for filling scheme numbers. Thus, more flexibility is needed.

Proposed solutions:

The deputation proposed the following solutions to be piloted in County Clare:

- Retention of a core group of workers in the >55 years age group.
- Create the facility for over 55's to be extended beyond their permitted three years in a special case where communities cannot fill their scheme participant numbers and to create the facility to take people back into the scheme until they reach pension age.
- Extend the TÚS and CE scheme to a minimum of two years.
- Expand the RSS participant numbers and associated budget in order to have an additional targeted intervention to small farmers in rural areas.
- Create a mechanism to review a person's placement on Turas Nua scheme to that if it is not working out that they could be considered to CE or TÚS.
- Develop a pilot scheme to counterbalance the rural RSS in the form of a USS (Urban Social Scheme) or CDSS (Community Development Social Scheme). These should be based on a similar model as the RSS.
- Increase the limits on the criteria for Farm Assist in order to improve the RSS.

The deputation offered that Clare County Council will work in partnership with the Department of Social Protection if such a pilot were deemed to be appropriate. In the context of this motion, the Council may wish to consider continuing the positive dialogue reciprocated at the first two meetings with the Minister and Department of Social Protection.”

Item 29. Loneliness Taskforce.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Murphy
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Hayes agus glacadh leis

"That Clare County Council calls on the Minister for Health to implement the report of the Loneliness Taskforce "A Connected Island", an Ireland free from loneliness and to recognise the devastating impact the epidemic of loneliness has on our health, society and economy as a whole".

Item 30. Scheduled service from Shannon Airport to France.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Crowe
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P.J. Ryan agus glacadh leis

"That Clare County Council request the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport, Fáilte Ireland and the Shannon Group Plc to redouble their efforts to secure a scheduled service from Shannon Airport to France."

Item 31. Uber in rural Ireland.

Ar moladh Cllr. A. O'Callaghan
Cuidithe ag Cllr. T. McNamara agus glacadh leis

"In light of the new drink driving laws I am calling on this Council to write to the Minister for Transport, Shane Ross (who brought in the new laws) to lighten the law around Uber in Rural Ireland to make a service easier for people to commute."

Item 32. Comhfhreagras. Correspondence.

Correspondence.

The following correspondence was circulated with the agenda:

1. Correspondence dated 30th October, 2018 from the Organisation of National Ex-Service Personnel.
2. Correspondence dated 23rd October, 2018 from the Department of Health regarding extending the HPV vaccination programme to include boys.
3. Correspondence dated 17th October, 2018 from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government regarding the income threshold for social housing.
4. Correspondence dated 15th October, 2018 from Shannon Group regarding billboard advertising of Shannon Airport.

5. Correspondence dated 10th October, 2018 from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in respect of election posters.
6. Correspondence dated 4th October, 2018 from the Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment in relation to the prevention of Post Office closures and the long-term survival and prosperity of the An Post, Post Office Network.
7. Correspondence dated 11th October, 2018 from the Office of the Taoiseach in relation to family carers.
8. Correspondence dated 11th October, 2018 from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills regarding the payment of staff of Outdoor Educational Centres.
9. Correspondence dated 11th October, 2018 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding funding for Shannon Airport.
10. Correspondence dated 3rd October, 2018 from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in connection with income limits for social housing in Clare.
11. Correspondence dated 31st October, 2018 from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to the Local Authority Elected Members Role and Remuneration Review.
12. Resolution adopted by Donegal County Council in relation to An Post.
13. AILG Elected Members Module 6 Training November 2018.
14. Invitation to attend a celebration to mark the centenary of the Armistice, 100 years since the end of World War 1 at Kiltinanlea Church, Clonlara on 17th November.
15. Conference entitled “Approaches in Contemporary River Management” taking place in the Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 7th – 9th December, 2018.
16. Conference entitled “EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020” taking place in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth on 14th – 16th December, 2018.
17. Conference entitled “Entitlement to Health Services” taking place in the Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 21st – 23rd December, 2018.

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.

Conference entitled “The Finance Act 2017” taking place in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth on 5th – 7th January, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €782.78 including conference fee of €200.

It was agreed that Cllr. A. O'Callaghan attend this Conference.

AILG training entitled "Single Public Water Utility" taking place in Killarney, Co. Kerry on 19th June, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €305.51 including conference fee of €55.

It was agreed that Cllr. A. O'Callaghan attend this Conference.

AILG training taking place in Dundalk, Co. Louth on 23rd June, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €464.96 including conference fee of €

It was agreed that Cllr. T. McNamara attend this Conference.

Scoil Samhraidh an Phiarsaigh taking place in Ros Muc, Connemara, Co. Galway on 26th & 27th July, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €255.56.

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

Roger Casement Summer School taking place in DLR Lexicon, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin on 30th August – 1st September, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €330.96.

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

AILG training entitled "on-line planning" taking place in Cork on 15th September, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €309.09 including conference fee of €55.

It was agreed that Cllr. T. McNamara attend this Conference.

AILG training taking place in Birr, Co. Offaly on 21st September, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €228.11.

It was agreed that Cllr. A. O'Callaghan attend this Conference.

LAMA 2018 Autumn Training Seminar taking place in the River Island Hotel, Castleisland, Co. Kerry on 28th & 29th September, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €110.92 including conference fee of €180.

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

AILG training taking place in Sligo on 13th October, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €58.19 including conference fee of €5.

It was agreed that Cllrs. M. Howard, P.J. Kelly, J. Cooney, P. Murphy, G. Keating and P. Burke attend this Conference.

AILG Autumn Training Seminar 2018 taking place in Hillgrove Hotel, Old Armagh Road, Monaghan on 25th and 26th October, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €608.02 including conference fee of €135.

It was agreed that Cllrs. A. O'Callaghan, P.J. Ryan, B. Slattery, C. Colleran Molloy, A. Norton, J. Cooney, R. Nagle, M. Howard, P.J. Kelly, C. Crowe, P. McMahon, P. Murphy, J. Crowe, M. McKee, T. McNamara, P. Burke and G. Keating attend this Conference.

AILG training taking place in Kilkenny on 15th November, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €342.96 including conference fee of €5.

It was agreed that Cllrs. M. McKee, P. McMahon, M. Howard, J. Cooney, P. Murphy and P. Burke attend this Conference.

AILG training taking place in Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, Co. Kildare on 17th November, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €408.36 including conference fee of €5.

It was agreed that Cllr. A. O'Callaghan attend this Conference.

The meeting then concluded.

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Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____