

Agenda

Fógra Cruinnithe / Notice of Meeting

A Chomhairleoir Uasail, Dear Councillor,

Tionólfar cruinniú mí Márta Chomhairle Contae Uíbh Fhailí in Áras an Chontae, Tulach Mhór, Uíbh Fhailí, Dé Luain an 24 Márta 2025, ag tosú ag 2 a chlog tráthnóna.

Seo chugat an clár. Iarrtar ort leis seo a bheith i láthair.

Notice is hereby given that the March meeting of Offaly County Council will be held in Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on Monday next, 24 March 2025 at 2p.m.

The agenda is attached. Please arrange to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Meetings Administrator

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Offaly County Council held on Monday 17 February 2025

2.0 Minutes for Noting

Minutes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 13 January 2025

3.0 Audit Committee Annual Report 2024 in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014

1. Audit Committee Annual Report 2024
2. Audit Committee Report to Council on the 2023 Annual Financial Statement and Local Government Auditor's Statutory Report
3. Audit Committee Charter 2025
4. Audit Committee Work Plan 2025

Mr. B. Gunning, Chairperson (copy herewith)

4.0 Taking in Charge of Estates - Silverbrook, Tullamore in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Mr. B. Lennon, A/DOS

5.0 Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, (as amended) Planning and Development Regulations 2001, (as amended) for proposed Housing Development at Beechwood Court Daingean

Mr. N Gorman DOS

6.0 CE Report on the Draft Joint Portarlington Local Area Plan 2025-2031 - Pursuant to Section 179 (3) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended and part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Mr. A. Murray DOS

7.0 LCDC Annual Report 2024 – Section 128B of the Local Government Reform Act 2014

Ms. A. Dillon, DOS

8.0 Litter Management Plan January 2022-December 2024 Review Report - In accordance with Sections 10 and 11 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended

Mr. B. Lennon, A/DOS

9.0 2025 Annual Roads Programme

Mr. B. Lennon, A/DOS

10.0 Monthly Management Report

February Chief Executive Reports

List of Chief Executive Orders for February

Ms. AM Delaney, C.E.

11.0 Corporate Policy Group Report

12.0 Notices of Motion

Cllr. A. Masterson

"Offaly County Council fully recognises the positive role the tenant in situ scheme has played in preventing families across Offaly from entering homelessness.

To prevent more families from becoming homeless, through no fault of their own, we call on the Department of Housing to agree targets and release funds to Offaly County Council as a matter of urgency".

Cllr. A. Masterson

"Offaly County Council fully recognises the importance of having women's voices heard at every level of society and the barriers still facing many women entering politics.

To encourage and facilitate more women to enter politics, we call on Offaly County Council to provide a live streaming and playback facility similar to those already in operation in other councils such as Dublin County Council, Cork County Council and Roscommon County Council".

Cllr. Claire Murray-Smale

"OCC to take charge of the safety checks in all Offaly Public Playgrounds - I would like Offaly County Council to investigate the possibility of the Council conducting safety checks on all public playgrounds throughout Offaly. It is becoming increasingly difficult for the playground committees across the county to facilitate these checks as it quite often falls back on the same people."

13.0 Comhdhálacha / Conferences

Conferences

1. AILG Annual Training Conference 2025, Limerick, 2nd - 3rd April 2025 – Limerick Strand Hotel, Ennis Rd, Stonetown, Limerick, V94 03F2.

The conference fee is €175

2. **"Community Benefit Funds and Renewables"**, online on Friday 28th March from 10.00 – 11.30am.

This webinar is free of charge for elected members. To register, please email info@ailg.ie

This webinar will provide an important opportunity for elected members to gain a deeper understanding of the role Community Benefit Funds (CBFs) play in Ireland's transition to a climate-neutral energy future.

To equip elected members with the necessary insights on Community Benefit Funds and how they can be

used to optimise local benefits, the OPR, in conjunction with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) and the AILG, will deliver this bespoke training event.

Speakers will include:

- Paul O'Neill, Principal Officer, Planning Advisory Division, DECC
- Senior representatives from the Renewable Electricity Division, DECC
- Elaine Barrett and Suzanne Kearney, SECAD Partnership CLG (experts in managing Community Benefit Funds in Ireland)

14.0 Comhfhreagras / Correspondence

1. Mr. James Browne T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in connection with the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People scheme
2. Minister Of State for Department of Public Expenditure in connection to Ethical Public Procurement
3. Limerick City & County Council - Recent Weather Events - Additional Funding
4. Limerick City & County Council - Financial Support Purchase of Generators
5. Limerick City & County Council - Recent Weather Events
6. Roscommon County council - Motion to write to to Dept. of Agriculture, Transport and Environment re: Roadside tree removable incentive
7. Roscommon county council - Motion to write to Minister of Communications re: Government Phone Network Access
8. Roscommon County council - Motion to write to Minister of Education re: Exam time learning difficulties
9. Roscommon County council - Motion re: Power Lines in forestry
10. Donegal County Council - Motion re: Dog Control
11. Sligo County Council - Motion re: Legislation to ensure that every child with additional

needs has a place in their local Primary & Secondary School.

12. Sligo County Council - Motion re: Prohibit the use of counselling and therapy notes in all cases of gender-based violence.

13. Sligo County Council - Motion re: Electricity Costs

14. Sligo County Council - Motion re: Abolish any plan of introducing further Carbon Taxes

15. Sligo County Council - Motion re: Tenant in Situ Scheme

16. Sligo County Council - Motion re: Housing Targets

17. Sligo County Council - Motion re: The sale of e-liquids, vape kits or nicotine products to under children under the age of 18

18. South Dublin County Council - Motion re: Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

19. Clare County Council - Motion re: Funding for Early Years Educators

15.0 Any Other Business