

# **Minutes of February Monthly Meeting**

Held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022, in Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore and via Zoom

### **Present**

Cllr. Declan Harvey Cathaoirleach				
Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. John Leahy				
Cllr. Clare Claffey	Cllr. Tony McCormack			
Cllr. John Clendennen Cllr. Robert McDermott				
Cllr. Noel Cribbin	Cllr. Frank Moran			
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. Sean O'Brien			
Cllr. Neil Feighery	Cllr. Peter Ormond			
Cllr. John Foley	Cllr. Danny Owens			
Cllr. Mark Hackett	Cllr. Liam Quinn			
	Cllr. Ken Smollen			

The Meetings Administrator carried out a roll call to confirm attendance.

Apologies
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Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick

### Officials in Attendance

Ms. A. Delaney, Chief Executive; Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S. (R); Ms. S. Kennedy, D.O.S.; Mr. S. Duclot D.O.S. (R); Mr. M. Connolly, H.O.F.; Ms. M. Cleary, S.E.O.; Mr. J. Cunningham, S.E.E.; Ms. A. Dillon, S.E.O. (R); Mr. E. Fennell, S.E.O. (R), Mr. G. Bruton, Meetings Administrator, Mr. C. Kelly, S.O. and Ms. L. Carbery, C.O. (R)

### **Votes of Sympathy**

Vote of sympathy was unanimously extended to the following:

The Family of Pat Nolan, Carrick Road, Edenderry, on the death of their father Pat Nolan;

Caroline O'Brien, Glendaniel, Srah, Tullamore, on the death of her mother Mary Gunning;

The Chief Executive, on her own behalf and on behalf of the staff of Offaly County Council, joined with the members in this vote of sympathy.

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack the members resolved to adopt the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Offaly County Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### 2. Minutes for Noting

The members noted the following minutes:

- Minutes of the Climate Action, Environment, Water & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 6th October 2021
- Minutes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Friday 10th December 2021

### 3. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Owens, seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery, the members resolved to adopt Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of Freehold Interest of property at Main Street, Clonaslee in respect of Benjamin Peavoy for the sum of €1.00.

#### 4. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy, the members resolved to adopt Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to sell 0.25 hectares at Ferbane Business & Technology Park to Euram Air Leases (IRE) Ltd. in the amount of €32,500.

### 5. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001

On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members resolved to adopt Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to sell Site No. 17 Ferbane Business & Technology Park to Endrim Construction Services Ltd, in the amount of €51,500.

#### 6. Arts Act Grant 2022

The members joined with Cllr. D. Harvey, in thanking the team working on the opening of the Esker Arts Centre. Ms. A. Delaney acknowledged the work of the Board, the Director of Service, Ms. Sharon Kennedy, the Arts Officer Ms. Sally O'Leary, Mr. Joe Dooley, Assistant Engineer and all staff involved in the project. She thanked the members for their support in bringing the Esker Art Centre to Offaly.

Ms. S. Kennedy brought the members attention to the Arts Act Grant 2022, informing them that Offaly County Council offer assistance under the Arts Acts Grant Scheme to support a range of arts activity and practice within the community such as workshops, projects, presentations and events which would stimulate public interest in the arts, promote the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts and assist in improving the standards of the arts. She informed the members that 16 applications were received and the allocations are outlined in her report. She further recommended that the balance

remaining be allocated to provide a series of clinics to communities and artists with regard to awareness of the grant and the process of making an application. Amounts of €1,231 and €5,000 are available to further develop projects during the year as covid-19 restrictions ease and a return to physical workshops gradually occurs.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Owens seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members resolved to adopt the Arts Act Grants 2022 as follows:

	Organisation/Artist	Proposal	MD	Recommended
1	Avista- Ashbrook, St.Annes	Art Therapy	Birr	742
2	Ballycommon Ballinagar Geashill Town Twinning	Sculpture Workshops with Schools	Edenderry	1000
3	Birr Stage Guild	Dance workshop for special needs	Birr	1000
4	Cloghan Community Development Association	Mosaic Mural workshop with community	Birr	1400
5	Coolderry Central School	Drama workshops with children	Birr	525
6	Dochas Offaly Cancer Support Group CLG	Art Therapy workshops	Tullamore	720
7	Eden Chorale	Christmas Concert	Edenderry	917
8	Highstreet/Belmont Womens Group	Mosiac workshops	Birr	350
9	Irish Midlands Youth Orchestra	Masterclasses	County	1000
10	Rath Eglish Foroige Club	Series of art design workshops	Birr	500
11	St Francis Boys NS	Dance workshop in Boys school	Tullamore	315
12	St Brendans PS	Dance workshops in Boys school	Birr	700
13	St Marys Secondary School Edenderry	Graffitti/Mural workshop with Teens	Edenderry	900
14	St.Brendan's Community School	Sculpture Workshops with Teens		900
15	Tullamore Gramophone Society	Concert	Tullamore	800
16	Tullamore Musical Society	Annual Show	Tullamore	1000

### 7. Litter Management Plan

Mr. T. Shanahan advised the members the obligation of a local authority to produce a Litter Management Plan is set out in Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 which requires Local Authorities to make and implement a Litter Management Plan. This a reserved function and the plan is to be adopted by the members and reviewed every three years. He noted the previous Litter Management Plan was reviewed and extended for three years in accordance with Section 12 of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, to December 2021.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Harvey seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members resolved to adopt the Litter Management Plan January 2022 to December 2024.

## 8. Housing Presentation

Ms. S. Kennedy, D.O.S. thanked members for their courtesy and support for the housing staff and she highlighted the significant work plan in progress for the delivery of Housing Services.

On the proposal of Cllr. L. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack, the members agreed to suspend standing orders to include Cllr. K. Smollen's motion in the Housing presentation discussion as outlined:

### Motion 1

"That Offaly County Council urgently allocates 3 houses from the Council's own housing stock or provides funding for the rent of 3 houses from an Approved Housing Body - one in Tullamore, one in Birr and one in Edenderry for use as a refuge for the victims and their families of domestic violence in those areas of Offaly and that each of the houses be suitably renovated for use by both female and male victims of domestic violence".

In response Ms. M. Cleary informed the members that the Sophia Clonamore Hotel project to provide 17 professionally supported beds for homeless accommodation is proceeding to tender. She advised the members that a meeting had taken place with Tusla, the state agency responsible for providing specialist domestic violence services and they have published a review for the Provision of Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Violence in the last week. She informed the members that the meeting last week was held to discuss delivery of services in Offaly and the Tusla report will be examined by Housing Services. Ms. M. Cleary further advised that Housing Services have worked with Offaly Domestic Violence Support and will continue to assist victims of domestic violence in getting the supports they need. Ms. S. Kennedy agreed that a whole series of actions to transition to a long term solution will be required.

Cllr. K. Smollen joined with the members in stressing the importance of providing the services for women and men as a matter of urgency and he acknowledged that Offaly County Council is committed to working with the relevant agencies to achieve a solution.

Ms. M. Cleary provided the members with a presentation to outline the delivery of housing services in Offaly. She updated the members on Homeless Services, Traveller Accommodation and Estate Management. She brought the members attention to the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027. She provided the members with the progress on Local Authority housing stock, Acquisitions 2021, Compulsory Purchase Orders, Pre-Letting/Voids and Housing Loans and Grants. She noted that the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan has been renamed to the Local Authority Home Loan. She highlighted the increased funding provided in 2021 for Housing Grants resulted in the delivery of 138 private housing grants and 30 social housing disabled persons grants.

Ms. M. Cleary outlined the projections and targets for the Housing for All Delivery Action Plan 2022 – 2026 to deliver 463 social houses. She advised the members that expressions of interest for land will be advertised in the coming weeks. She provided the members with detailed information on the provision of turnkey housing and construction in the pipeline including Approved Housing Bodies construction. She welcomed the increased allocation to €4.2m for the Retrofit Programme and she updated the members on the status of the programme and the type of works that are provided as per the consultant's recommendation. She thanked the members for their support and drew their attention to the relevant housing email addresses provided for the various services provided.

The members thanked Ms. Cleary for her comprehensive report and they welcomed the progress that has been made to date, the projected targets and they acknowledged the difficulties in providing social housing and the commitment and hard work of staff. They also welcomed the collaboration with Tusla and Offaly Domestic Violence Support. A number of queries were raised in relation to acquisition of houses in small towns and villages, the issues in the private rental market, the need for single storey dwellings and the timelines for Departmental approval on the various stages of projects.

The members also raised concerns on the amount of vacant derelict houses in Offaly towns and villages, the growing housing list, lack of security of tenure for private rental tenants, lack of land available for Local Authority development, traveller accommodation and the delays in re-letting and voids. They voiced their concerns about the rising cost of fuel, retrofitting for private householders and the increasing costs of construction, along with the lack of contractors and skilled labour. Cllr. C. Claffey sought an update on the allocation of houses at Woodfield, Birr and Cllr. K. Smollen raised concerns about the future of the tenants in Lockhouse View.

The members sought clarity on the Tenant Purchase Scheme, Housing Design Team, Compulsory Purchase Orders progress, homeloan thresholds, provision of Part 5s, affordable housing and the provision and costs associated with the Retrofit Programme.

In response Ms. S. Kennedy agreed to write to Department in relation to acquisition of housing in small towns and villages. She noted the members concerns in regard to the issues in private rental property. She noted the member's comments in relation to the need for accessible accommodation for people with disabilities and the elderly and she stressed housing services commitment to providing suitable accommodation for all. She advised the members that in many of the voids or re-lets a decision was made to include them as part of the retrofit programme, which can delay the process but it is a good opportunity to bring these properties up to a very high standard. She also pointed out that the Retrofit programme is a very thorough process, incorporating proper planning, procurement and design.

She advised the members that works are on –going for Disabled Persons Grants and any increase in funding for 2022 has yet to be confirmed. She agreed that dereliction is a huge issue nationally and a series of programmes are in place, in collaboration with the planning section. She cautioned that works in the area of dereliction are still at an early stage but will result in a more detailed data base and further resources will be required in this area. She agreed to provide the members with a briefing on progress in regard to dereliction in the near future. She confirmed that some homeless clients are provided accommodation outside the county and she welcomed the provision of Clonamore House due to come on stream to provide homeless accommodation in Tullamore for 17 people.

Ms. S. Kennedy advised the members that the housing section are engaging with tenants in Lockhouse View to assist them in accessing accommodation. She confirmed the Tenant Purchase scheme is still in operation but housing stock and value for money has to be considered for each application. She confirmed that recruitment for the design team has been referred to Human Resources, the Traveller

Accommodation plan is progressing and a contractor has been appointed to carry out inspections of private rental properties. She advised the members that there is currently no approval for an affordable housing scheme, but she will engage with the Department on this issue.

In response to the members concerns about land acquisition Mr. J. Cunningham advised that expressions of interest for land will be county wide and he cautioned that discussions in this area can be a long process and land with planning permission is preferable. He confirmed that discussions with different land owners are on-going in Edenderry. He advised that the Just Transition Retrofit Programme is governed by the rules of procurement but local economies are stimulated by the work and the contractor may employ local labour. In regard to the Part 5 he informed the members that developers are now required to provide 20% of their development for Part 5, these are fully funded by department and through discussions with the developer a price can be negotiated that has then to be approved by the Department.

Mr. J. Cunningham advised the members that retrofit liability costs are high and heat pumps need to be installed in highly insulated houses. He noted that to avoid disruption most houses do not require underfloor heating, that 10% of housing stock will be retrofitted when the scheme is finished and retrofitted housing provides more affordable heating.

Ms. M. Cleary advised the members that the threshold for homeloans has not changed but there are two changes, the removal of 175msq requirement and the fresh start principle. She confirmed that a number of houses in Woodfield, Birr have been allocated and this process is on-going.

Ms. A. Delaney thanked the members for their support and the staff for their work and she looked forward to delivery of the Housing Services Programme.

## 9. 2021 Annual Report of the Local Community Development Committee

Ms. A. Dillon brought the members attention to the 2021 Annual Report of the Local Community Development Committee. She thanked the outgoing members Mr. James Carney Dept. of Social Protection, Mr. Tony Dalton LOETB, Ms. Liz Fleming and Ms. Margaret Murphy PPN Social Inclusion, Mr. Dominic Doheny CIF and Ms. Christina Byrne "Other civic society or 'local and community' interests". She welcomed the new members to the Local Community Development Committee.

She outlined the main achievements of LCDC in 2021:

- Implementation of the Offaly Local Development Strategy and approval of the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 funding and the Transitional LEADER Programme funding;
- Implementation, monitoring and review of Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022;
- Implementation and review of the Offaly Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021;
- Implementation of the Offaly Community Enhancement Programme;
- Implementation of the Community Response Forum and the Community Call Helpline;
- Implementation of the Social Enterprise Capital Grant Scheme 2021;
- Provision of support to the Community Sector and affording a voice through the Offaly PPN Network;
- Implementation of the Offaly Healthy Ireland fund;
- Establishment of the Offaly Traveller Interagency Group;

- Progression and improvement of the health and physical activity status of the people of Offaly by Offaly Sports Partnership.
- Development and launch of Offaly Sports Partnership Strategic Plan 'Active Offaly 2021-2025'.

She thanked Chairman Cllr. D. Harvey, the Vice Chair, the board and staff for their commitment and co-operation.

Cllr. D. Harvey joined with the members in highlighting the achievement of the Offaly Local Community and Development Committee to be placed in the top ten in Ireland.

Cllr. S. O Brien queried if the replacement of the Jobs Club by a private company could be reviewed by the Offaly Local Development Company. In response Ms. A. Dillon confirmed that OLDC are not overseen by LCDC.

## 10. Local Community Development Committee Change of Membership

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, the members accepted the resignation of Mr. Padraig Hannan from the Local Community and Development Committee and agreed to his replacement Mr. Mark Cronin, CIF.

#### 11. Just Transition

Mr. S. Duclot advised the members that following on from public consultation, Offaly County Council have submitted a strong positive submission emphasising Offaly as the most impacted county of the decarbonisation agenda, with need for direct supports to replace loss of rates income and funding for sustainable investment and jobs.

Ms. A. Dillon provided the members with an outline of Offaly County Council's response to Ireland's Draft Territorial Just Transition Plan. She updated the members on the EU Just Transition Process beginning in 2019 with the designation of the Midland Region, through engagement, consultation and funding agreements. She outlined the Draft Territorial Plan to unlock €84.5 million of funding from the EU Just Transition Fund. She advised that the East and Midland Regional Authority is the managing authority for the Just Transition fund with Local Authorities acting as implementing partners or lead authorities for relevant actions. She informed the members of the three pillars of the Just Transition Mechanism and the four development needs identified:

- Modernising the business environment and creating employment opportunities
- Enhancing the skills profile
- Promoting environmental sustainability and industrial heritage
- Enhancing the potential of region as a place to live and work

Ms. A. Dillon brought the members attention to the 15 actions for development needs as outlined in the Draft Just Transition Plan and to the report from EnvCon consultants that weighted Offaly as the most impacted county in each of their assessment criteria. She summarised the key messages in the Offaly County Council submission as below:

Offaly is impacted most and should benefit most – weighted distribution of Fund

- The Most Affected Territory is Offaly, Longford, Westmeath & Laois (NUTS3 counties)
- Offaly County Council needs direct supports to replace loss of rates income
- The fund must be directed towards sustainable investment and jobs
- Supports to achieve gains for the local economy and local communities
- Fair distribution of the fund across actions
- National Policy must acknowledge and prioritise investment in the most affected territory
- Infrastructure deficits may be met by Pillars 2 & 3 of the JT Mechanism
- Offaly has 'shovel ready' projects of scale that meet the JTF criteria
- Offaly County Council can be the lead implementing partner for key actions in the Plan

Cllr. E. Dooley joined with the members in complimenting the team for their comprehensive submission and expressed the importance of getting support from MEPs and TDs. The members voiced their concerns about the deadline for projects, job creation and the unaffordability of retrofitting. They sought clarification on the decision to appoint the East Midlands Regional Assembly as the Managing Authority for the Just Transition Fund Ireland and match funding requirements.

In response Mr. S. Duclot advised the members that Minister Eamon Ryan appointed the East and Midland Regional Assembly to manage the Just Transition Fund and Offaly County Council has a good working relationship with them. He noted that match funding requirements has not yet been decided.

Ms. A. Dillon agreed there would be pressure on the East and Midland Regional Assembly to claim €40million funding by end 2023, however she advised that Offaly County Council submission includes projects that will be ready to go and is committed to engaging with the East and Midland Region Assembly as an implementing partner with the member's support. She further advised that the submission includes elements for positive discrimination in regard to fuel poverty as the midlands region is the most dependent on solid fuel.

## 12. Monthly Management Report

Ms. A. Delaney brought the members attention the Monthly Management Report, highlighting the upcoming Local enterprise week taking place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March and Seachtain na gaelige from 1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March. She advised the members that the recently announced Town Centre policy will be examined, teams will be established to avail of the scheme and members will be updated in due course. She informed the members that the Roads allocation has been received and will be brought to the members first at Municipal District level and then at the March council meeting. She acknowledged the work of the LCDC and the ongoing services provided by the Library, Arts, Sports and LEO.

The members thanked Ms. A. Delaney for her comprehensive report and raised queries on the status of funding for the N52 Tullamore to Kilbeggan Link, more detail on the Town Centre funding, public consultation on the Clara Town Masterplan, the re-opening of MyOpen Libraries and the Áras.

Ms. A. Delaney agreed it was very disappointing that further funding for N52 this year has not been allocated and this will be followed up with the Department. She advised that more detail on Town Centre funding is awaited and the pilot scheme in Clara will be community led with public consultation. She informed the members that the Áras is now open to 4pm on a staggered basis as per public health guidelines. The Housing and Planning sections are available by appointment in the afternoons and the website has been updated to reflect the new opening hours. Ms. S. Kennedy informed the members that the delay with the MyOpen Library is due to both concerns with regard to software and phased re-opening as per public health guidelines and the members will be updated accordingly.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn the members resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue past 6.00pm.

### 13. Corporate Policy Group Report

Cllr. D. Harvey informed the members that the council meeting agenda was discussed at the Corporate Policy Group meeting.

### 14. Date of March Monthly Meeting

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that he had been invited by the Offaly Men's Association in New York to attend the St. Patrick's Day celebrations as a guest of the Association. He advised that the Chief Executive would accompany him and the itinerary for the visit included meetings with Enterprise Ireland, the IDA, and Tourism Ireland.

The Chief Executive noted that the Cathaoirleach had invited the two former Cathaoirligh of the Council, Cllr. P. Ormond and Cllr. J. Carroll to attend also but that they had declined the invitation.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery, the members approved the Cathaoirleachs travel to New York to attend the St. Patrick's Day celebrations as a guest of the Offaly Men's Association.

Cllr. D. Harvey thanked the members and noted that it was his honour to attend the event. He advised the members the travel plans would see the party travelling back to Ireland on Monday 21st March, which would be the normal date for the March Monthly Council meeting. He proposed that the March Monthly meeting would be deferred until Monday 28th March 2022.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery, the members agreed to hold the March monthly meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

### 15. Notices of Motion

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Smollen, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members resolved that Offaly County Council calls on the Minister for Health and the HSE to include the drug Cariban on the Drug Payment Scheme/Medical Card Scheme for women who are affected by the illness Hyperemesis Gravidarum (HG), which can profoundly debilitate women during pregnancy.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, the members resolved that Offaly County Council write to the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly to ask his Department to fast track Children with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus currently requiring urgent Orthopaedic intervention. Also calling on the Minister for Health to ensure that provision of services is made to Disabled Children within elective Hospital settings as well as acute Hospital settings.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Hackett, seconded by Cllr. C. Claffey, the members resolved that Council will undertake a study of women and girl's safety in the public realm in order to identify the factors that make women and girls and other genders at risk of gender based violence, feel safe and unsafe in public spaces in County Offaly. Once complete, recommendations from this study should guide future public realm changes and developments.

Ms. A. Delaney, Chief Executive informed the members that this will be discussed at the Joint Policing Committee meeting next week.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Hackett, seconded by Cllr. C. Claffey the members resolved to add to the 'Strategic Policy Group Structure' of the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2019 -2024 document, as follows: Where there are no or a low number of women members from either elected representatives or sectoral interests, the SPC will invite women with specific interest and/or relevant expertise to join the SPC.

In response Mr. M. Connolly advised the members that SPC Scheme was adopted by the incoming Council in 2019 for the life time of the sitting Council. He noted that the responsibility for the gender balance in the nominations from the representative bodies rested with those bodies. Also that the members had adopted a policy in 2021 which was designed to address the issue of gender equality on Council committees and work is on-going to fund training and support for women to inform them on the role of local representatives. He agreed the gender balance can be reviewed after this cycle of the council.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley the members resolved that Offaly County Council writes to Minister for Health, Deputy Donnelly and Minister for Justice, Deputy McEntee to support the purchasing of defibrillators for all Garda vehicles and to provide the appropriate cardiac first response training in conjunction with the National Ambulance Service to all Gardaí.

Ms. A. Delaney, Chief Executive informed the members that this will be discussed at the Joint Policing Committee meeting next week.

### 16. Comhdhálacha / Conferences

## **Up-coming Conferences and Training:**

### **Conference**

Newry & Dundalk Chambers' Annual Cross-Border Conference on Wednesday 9th March 2022 9am - 1pm, FREE Online – Virtual Conference by Zoom

## **Training**

OPR on Upcoming Planning Training for Local Authority Elected Members, Friday 25th of February 2022 from 10-11.30am free and online

## Approval was sought for the following:

## **Conferences**

Cllrs. Noel Cribbin and Neil Feighery attendance at Celtic Conference on Mental Health and Wellbeing at Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 8-10th October 2021.

### **Training**

Cllr. Frank Moran attendance at Association of Irish Local Government, Module 1 in Sligo on 2nd October 2021

Cllrs. John Clendennen, Noel Cribbin, Neil Feighery, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Declan Harvey, Frank Moran, Danny Owens and Peter Ormond Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA) Autumn Training Seminar on the 03rd and 04th of November 2021 at the Sligo Park Hotel, Pearse Road, Sligo Cllrs. Noel Cribbin, Neil Feighery and Peter Ormond, Association of Irish Local Government in Galway on 5-6 November 2021

Cllr. Neil Feighery attendance at IPI Annual Conference in Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford, on 17-19th November 2021

On the proposal of Cllr. L. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy, the members approved the conferences and training.

## 17. Comfhreagras / Correspondence

The members noted the correspondence issued with the agenda.

## 18. Any Other Business

Cllr. R. McDermott sought an update on his previous proposal to upgrade the status of the R402 and a section of R420 Edenderry to Tullamore Road. Mr. T. Shanahan agreed to arrange an update for members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES CONFIRMED:

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28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

