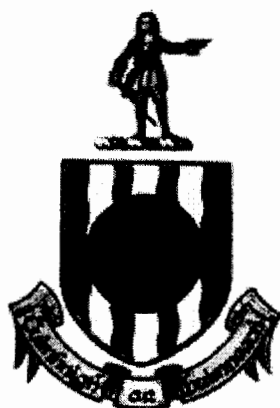


LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Comhairle Contae Luimnigh



Cruinniú Mhí Meitheamh

MONDAY, 25TH JUNE, 2007,

AT 2.30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL

AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION

PRAYER

A Thiarna Dia,

Is uaitse a thagann gach údarás ar talamh. Cuir do bheannacht orainn agus sinn ag plé riachtanais ár gcontae. Go ndéanaimid ár gcinnte de réir d'eagna, agus go gcuirtear i bhfeidhm iad le cneastacht agus cúram. Sin é ár nguí chugat trí Chríost ár dTiarna.

Amen.

O Lord God,

You are the source of all human authority. Bless us in our deliberations on the needs of this our county. May our decisions be guided by your wisdom and put into effect with charity and concern. This we ask through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LUIMNIGH
LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL**

Oifig an Rúnaí Chontae,
(County Secretary's Office),
Halla an Chontae,
(County Hall),
(Tuar an Daill),
Dooradoyle,
Contae Luimnigh.
(Co. Limerick).

20ú Meitheamh, 2007.

Don Chathaoirleach agus do gach Ball don Chomhairle

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae Luimnigh a bheidh ar siúl i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla an Chontae, Tuar an Daill, Contae Luimnigh, ar an Luan, an 25ú Meitheamh, 2007, ar a 2.30 i.n. Tá an gnó a bheidh le déanamh leagtha amach ar an Agenda breise.

You are requested to attend Meeting of Limerick County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick, on **Monday, 25th June, 2007, at 2.30 p.m.** The business to be transacted is set out on the appended Agenda.

Is mise le meas,



**Eugene Griffin,
County Secretary/Meetings Administrator.**

CLÁR

1. Miontuairiscí

To adopt Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 28th May, 2007.

2. Filling of Casual Vacancies

To consider filling vacancies on the Council consequent on the election of Deputy Niall Collins and Deputy Kieran O'Donnell to Dáil Éireann.

(Report Enclosed)

3. Filling of Vacancies on SPCs and Other Bodies

Strategic Policy Committees:

- (a) To consider the nomination of a replacement for Deputy Niall Collins to:
 - (i) Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee.
 - (ii) Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

- (b) To consider the nomination of a replacement for Deputy Kieran O'Donnell to:
 - (i) Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee.
 - (ii) Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee.

(Report Enclosed)

Other Bodies

To consider appointments to the following Bodies consequent on the election of Deputy Niall Collins and Deputy Kieran O'Donnell to Dáil Éireann:

Deputy Niall Collins

- County Limerick Vocational Education Committee.
- Limerick Market Trustees.
- Management Committee of Limerick Market Trustees.
- Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances.
- West Limerick Resources Limited.

Deputy Kieran O'Donnell

- Mid-West Regional Authority.
- Limerick Market Trustees.

4. Disposal of Land

To consider proposal for the disposal, by means of lease, of Dromcollogher Courthouse, Dromcollogher.

(Statutory Notice dated 12th June, 2007, already circulated)

5. Transportation and Water Services

Construction of New Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre at Askeaton – Deed of Covenant / charge for Dry Side Facilities

To consider approving the execution of Deeds relating to the draw-down of grant funding from the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism for the Dry Side Facilities at Askeaton Pool and Leisure Centre.

(Report Enclosed)

6. Planning and Development

(a) Development Fund Allocations 2007-2009

To note proposed Development Fund allocations 2007-2009.

(Report Enclosed)

(b) Proposed Variation to the Limerick County Development Plan 2005-2011

To consider the Manager's Report on the proposed variation to the Limerick County Development Plan 2005-2011 and the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the same and to make a variation to the Limerick County Development Plan with the amendments as outlined in the Manager's Report (extension of area designated as 'Structurally Weak' to include the new CLÁR areas and the Electoral Divisions of Askeaton East, Iveruss and Loghill).

(Report Enclosed)

(c) Proposed Castleconnell Local Area Plan 2007-2013

To consider placing the Proposed Castleconnell Local Area Plan 2007-2013 on public display for the statutory period of not less than 6 weeks from 8th July, 2007, to 21st August, 2007, inclusive.

(Report and Plan Enclosed)

7. Corporate Services

(a) Establishment of Audit Committee

To consider the establishment of an Audit Committee, including the nomination of two serving or retired Members to the Committee, and the approval of the external members proposed for inclusion on the Committee.

(Report Enclosed)

(b) Strategic Policy Committees - Chairs

To consider the appointment of Chairs to the Council's Strategic Policy Committees.

(Report Enclosed)

(c) Annual Report

To consider the adoption of the 2006 Annual Report.

(Annual Report Enclosed)

8. Community and Enterprise

(a) Football In the Community - Development Officer

To note proposed agreement between the FAI and Limerick County Council to work in partnership in the appointment of a Football Development Officer for the county.

(Report Enclosed)

(b) Interagency Forum for Rathkeale Town

To consider the nomination of 2 Members to represent Limerick County Council on the Forum.

(Correspondence from West Limerick Resources Enclosed)

9. Conferences

To consider participation by Members at the following Conferences:

- (a) Cork Environmental Forum National Seminar 2007 "Sustainable Packaging for Buying Green" held in Cork on 5th June, 2007.
- (b) Leitrim County Development Board / County Council "Your Place or Mine Conference....Place The Link to Investment" to be held in Dublin on 21st June, 2007.
- (c) Synge Summer School "Synge and his Contexts" to be held in Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, from 1st to 7th July, 2007.
- (d) Training Seminar for Councillors "The Local Government Planning Service" to be held in Baltimore, West Cork, from 5th to 7th July, 2007.
- (e) 27th Annual MacGill Summer School and Arts Week 2007 "Priorities for Government for the next Five Years" to be held in Glenties, Co. Donegal, from 15th to 20th July, 2007.
- (f) Kilkee Waterworld Conference "Rural Tourism 2007-2013" to be held in Kilkee, Co. Clare, on 6th/7th September, 2007.
- (g) 21st General Humbert Annual Summer School to be held in Ballina/Killala/Lacken/Kilcummin, Co. Mayo, from 23rd to 26th August, 2007.
- (h) Association of Irish Regions 10th Annual Conference "The Challenge of Climate Change for the Island of Ireland" to be held in Killarney, Co. Kerry, on 19th October, 2007.

(Details already circulated electronically and Report Enclosed)

ADJOURNED NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. Ní Chinnéide

- 10.** I will move at the next meeting that this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to implement a system whereby a registered list of landlords would be made available to County Councils for use by public representatives and the Councils.

QUESTIONS

Question submitted by Councillor R. Brennan

- 11.** I will ask at the next meeting if the Council will carry out safety measures at Rockhill Cross, Bruree, in the interests of public safety as a result of six crashes where vehicles have gone into a private house.

Questions submitted by Councillor T. Neville

- 12.** I will ask at the next meeting for a full update on the provision of a one-way traffic system in Rathkeale town.
- 13.** I will ask at the next meeting for a full update on the proceedings to cleaning up the asbestos contaminated site in Rathkeale.
- 14.** I will ask at the next meeting for a full update on the searching of alternative water sources for Ballingarry due to the recent contamination of the existing supply.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Jackman

- 15.** I will move at the next meeting that Limerick County Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to allocate funding for the assignment of an Architect to Limerick County Council.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Neville

- 16.** I will move at the next meeting that a policy be formulated in favour of erecting road signage to support local business.
- 17.** Correspondence.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, DOORADOYLE, CO. LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 28TH MAY, 2007, AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Creighton, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Brennan, Clifford, Collins (M), Enright, Foley, Gallahue, Galvin, Gleeson, Griffin, Harty, Houlihan, Hurley, Jackman, McAuliffe, Naughton, Neville, Ní Chinnéide, O'Donovan, Ryan, Scanlan, Sheahan (K), Teefy and Wade.

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Butler.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

County Manager (Mr. E. Gleeson), Director, Environment and Emergency Services (Mr. G. Behan), Director, Housing (Mr. J. Feane), Director, Planning and Development (Mr. T. Enright), Director, Transportation and Water Services (Mr. P. Crowe), Director, Community and Enterprise/Human Resources/Corporate Services (Ms. J. Cotter Coughlan), Head of Finance (Mr. O. Killeen), Senior Executive Planner (Mr. D. Troy), Senior Engineer, Housing (Mr. G. Naughton), Senior Executive Officer, Housing (Ms. M. Fogarty), Meetings Administrator (Mr. E. Griffin).

At the outset and with the Cathaoirleach's permission, the following matters were raised:

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Cathaoirleach and Members extended sympathy to two members of staff on their recent bereavements - Pat Shearin, AO, on the death of his mother, and Pat Golding, EE, on the death of his father. The County Manager, on his own behalf and that of the staff, associated himself with the condolences expressed.

Sympathy was also expressed to the families of a number of people recently deceased on their bereavements and it was agreed that the Council's condolences would be conveyed to them as requested.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:

At the invitation of the Cathaoirleach, the two outgoing Members who had been elected to Dáil Éireann, Deputy Niall Collins and Deputy Kieran O'Donnell, were present in the Chamber.

The Cathaoirleach congratulated both Deputies on their election and stated that, as Members of Dáil Éireann, both men were now legally prohibited from partaking in the business of the Meeting but were welcome to address the Members beforehand. The Cathaoirleach also extended his congratulations to all the successful candidates in the Constituencies of East and West Limerick and commiserated with the unsuccessful candidates. He added that prior to commencement of the Meeting, he would be allowing one speaker from each party to speak on the Election aftermath.

Councillor Sheahan (K) offered the congratulations and good wishes of the Fianna Fáil party to all elected candidates and especially to both Deputies Collins and O'Donnell whom, he stated, were very committed Members of the Council. He extended regrets to Councillor Noreen Ryan and the other unsuccessful candidates. He also commended the staff on the conduct and efficiency of the Count.

Councillor O'Donovan, on behalf of the Fine Gael Group, concurred with the sentiments expressed with regard to the co-operation received from the Count staff and formally congratulated Deputies O'Donnell and Collins on their election. He also extended congratulations to Dan Neville and John Cregan, the other successful Dáil Deputies, and offered his regrets to the unsuccessful candidates.

Councillor Teefy, on behalf of the PD Group, congratulated both Deputies and all the elected Limerick Deputies and extended best wishes for the future to the unsuccessful candidates.

Councillor Ní Chinneide, on behalf of the Labour Party, associated herself with the congratulations and good wishes extended to the successful Deputies and expressed confidence in their ability to represent the interests of Limerick in Dáil Éireann

Councillor Ryan wished the successful Deputies well and thanked the electorate who voted for her and all who assisted in her campaign. She acknowledged the co-operation she received from Council staff in the run-up to the election.

The County Manager joined with the Members in offering his congratulations to Deputies Collins and O'Donnell and stated that they had served the Council well during their time in office. He offered them his support at another level in their future endeavours for the betterment of the county. He also commiserated with the unsuccessful candidates, especially Councillor Noreen Ryan, but added that she still had a substantial contribution to make in her present capacity.

Deputy Collins thanked the Cathaoirleach and party leaders for giving him an opportunity to speak to the Members in the aftermath of the Election. He paid tribute to all candidates, successful or otherwise, for taking part in the democratic process. He also paid tribute to the Management and staff of the Council for their professionalism. He wished the Members well for the remainder of their Council term and pledged them his support.

Deputy O'Donnell expressed his regret at having to vacate his Council seat. He acknowledged the work being carried out in many areas of the county and also commended the Management and staff. He paid particular tribute to the late Paddy O'Connor, Assistant County Manager. He congratulated all the successful candidates and wished those who were not successful well. He offered his support to the Council into the future.

Both Deputies then withdrew from the Chamber.

The County Secretary informed the Meeting that Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, specified that 14 days had to elapse between the occurrence and the filling of a vacancy and the vacancies must be filled at the next available meeting. It was therefore intended to fill the two vacancies created on the Council following the election of Deputies Collins and O'Donnell at Meeting of the Council to be held on 25th June.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR OF SERVICES:

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach welcomed the new Director of Services, Ms Josephine Cotter Coughlan, who had replaced Ms. Anne Haugh and offered her the support of the Members. She was formally introduced by the County Manager who informed the Meeting that she had been assigned to Community and Enterprise, Human Resources and Corporate Services. He wished her well in her new appointment.

RECEPTION FOR JOHN THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY SCHOOL, HOSPITAL:

The Cathaoirleach advised the Members that he would be hosting a Reception for John the Baptist Community School, Hospital, in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, 20th May, 2007, at 10.30 a.m. in honour of the school being awarded overall 1st Place in Ireland in the *"Young Social Innovators Programme"* for its project on *Road Safety "Dead is Easy - Belt Up and Be Safe."*

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 23rd April, 2007.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor O'Donovan;
Agus an Cinneadh:

"That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed."

2. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 29th March, 2007, concerning disposal of land at Gurteen East, Ballingarry, Co. Limerick.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor Hurley;
Agus an Cinneadh:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of land at Gurteen East, Ballingarry, Co. Limerick (Entry 897 of Folio 11800F) consisting of 0.150 acres, to James Hickey, for the sum of €1.00 plus all legal fees, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 29th March, 2007."

- (b) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 26th April, 2007, concerning disposal of land at Rossbrien.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor Hurley;
Agus an Cinneadh:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.217 hectares at Rossbrien to Limerick City Council, City Hall, Limerick, for the sum of €34,970.00, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 26th April, 2007."

- (c) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 3rd May, 2007, concerning disposal of plot of land at Sharwood Estate, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor Hurley;
Agus an Cinneadh:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of plot of land containing 0.10 acres approx. at Sharwood Estate, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, to Mr. Eugene Aherne, for the sum of €100, subject to the conditions outlined in the Statutory Notice, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 3rd May, 2007."

- (d) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 3rd May, 2007, concerning disposal of plot of land at Castlevue Estate, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor Hurley;
Agus an Cinneadh:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of plot of land containing 0.022 acres approx. at Castlevue Estate, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, to Mr. Mark Carey, for the sum of €500, subject to the conditions outlined in the Statutory Notice, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 3rd May, 2007."

- (e) Circulated, report of the Director, Transportation and Water Services, dated 15th May, 2007, concerning disposal of land at Ennis Road, Limerick.

The report referred to the fact that the Statutory Notice, dated 19th December, 2007, had already issued in this regard. At the January Meeting of the Council, it had been decided to refer the matter to the Bruff Area Committee for consideration. The matter was now being referred back to the full Council with a recommendation that the disposal proceed.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor Hurley;
Agus an Cinneadh:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.209 hectares (0.516 acres) at Ennis Road, Co. Limerick, to Neilus Hayes, c/o Davin Arms, Ennis Road, Limerick, for the sum of €90,000, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 19th December, 2007."

3. Housing

Local Authority Housing and Traveller Accommodation Capital Allocations 2007

Circulated, Circulars N8/07 and TAU 3/2007 dated 23rd April and 9th May, 2007, respectively from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, notifying the Housing and Traveller Accommodation capital allocations for 2007, together with report of the Director, Housing, dated 17th May, 2007.

The allocations were noted by the Council.

4. Transportation and Water Services

Part VIII Procedures – Water Services Investment Programme - Kilmallock Sewerage Scheme

Circulated, report of the Director, Transportation and Water Services, dated 18th May, 2007, in relation to proposed upgrading of Kilmallock Sewerage Scheme under the Water Services Investment Programme.

The work would involve the construction of a new wastewater treatment works with associated outfall, an access road, a main lift pumping station with outfall and a storm water holding tank at Glenfield, 3 no. satellite pumping stations with associated outfalls in the townlands of Deebert, Millmount and Ash Hill, and surface water outfall in the townland of Millmount.

The report set out details of the proposed development under a number of headings and was prepared and submitted to the Members pursuant to Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001.

The Members noted the report and welcomed the proposed development.

5. Planning and Development

(a) Proposed Caherconlish Local Area Plan 2007-2013

Circulated, report of the Director, Planning and Development, dated 21st May, 2007, seeking the Council's approval to placing the proposed Caherconlish Local Area Plan 2007-2013 on public display for the statutory period, together with copy of proposed Plan dated May 2007.

In welcoming the proposed Plan, Members complimented the Planners and staff involved in its preparation and also welcomed participation by the local community. The need for a new school and the development of a cemetery for the area were some of the issues raised by the Members, as well as concerns relating to traffic congestion.

The Director of Planning and Development informed the Members that provision had been made in the draft plan for the zoning of land for new educational facilities. Land had also been zoned as open space for recreational and amenity use. Furthermore, a public information evening had been advertised for Thursday, 14th June, at which it was hoped all interested members of the community would attend and participate.

Molta ag Councillor Harty;
Cuidiú ón Councillor Teefy;
Agus an Cinneadh:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to placing the proposed Caherconlish Local Area Plan 2007-2013 on public display for the statutory period of not less than six weeks from 2nd June, 2007, to 17th July, 2007, inclusive, in accordance with the requirements of Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).”

(b) Proposed Kilfinane Local Area Plan 2007-2013

Circulated, report of the Director, Planning and Development, dated 21st May, 2007, enclosing copy of Manager’s Report on the proposed amendments to the proposed Kilfinane Local Area Plan 2007-2013.

Members for the area expressed satisfaction with the amendments to the Plan and for the manner in which the Planners consulted with the public and other interested parties and agreed that Kilfinane would greatly benefit from its implementation.

Molta ag Councillor Gallahue;
Cuidiú ón Councillor Houlihan;
Agus an Cinneadh:

“That, the proposed Kilfinane Local Area Plan 2007-2013 be made, with the amendments as outlined in the Manager’s Report to Members dated May 2007, in accordance with the requirements of Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).”

(c) Proposed Rathkeale Local Area Plan 2007-2013

Circulated, report of the Director, Planning and Development, dated 21st May, 2007, enclosing Manager’s Report on the proposed amendments to the proposed Rathkeale Local Area Plan 2007-2013.

In recommending the making of the Plan, Members for the Area thanked the Planners for their input and consultation during the various preparation stages.

The provision of an additional industrial area was welcomed and it was hoped that the land could be developed and disposed of in a way similar to the existing Rathkeale Industrial Estate.

Molta ag Councillor Griffin;
Cuidiú ón Councillor Sheahan (K);
Agus an Cinneadh:

“That, the proposed Rathkeale Local Area Plan 2007-2013 be made as outlined in the Manager’s Report to Members dated May 2007, in accordance with the requirements of Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).”

6. Corporate Services

(a) Limerick County Council (Regulation and Control of the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Public Places) Bye-Laws, 2007

Circulated, County Secretary’s report dated 21st May, 2007, in relation to the Limerick County Council (Regulation and Control of the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Public Places) Bye-Laws, 2007. A copy of the draft bye-laws had also been circulated.

During a discussion on the bye-laws as drafted, Members raised concerns about the effectiveness of their implementation and asked whether or not the Council would be delegating any authorised persons for that purpose. It was also intimated that if the bye-laws were to be too rigidly interpreted, consideration would be given to having them revoked.

The County Manager replied that enforcement of bye-laws was a matter for Án Garda Síochána and that the Council would not have the resources or trained personnel to do so. However, he was hopeful that the bye-laws would be implemented in a prudent manner and that they would help resolve the problems for which they were drafted.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor Jackman;
Agus an Cinneadh:

“That, the Limerick County Council (Regulation and Control of the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Public Places) Bye-Laws, 2007, as circulated, be made under Part 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, subject to the inclusion of a definition for “Authorised Person” under Paragraph 4 of the Bye-Laws as follows: “(d) “*Authorised Person*” means a person authorised in writing by the Authority pursuant to the Local Government Act, 2001” and the inclusion of a commencement date of 1st July, 2007.”

(b) Ballyhoura Development Limited

Circulated, letter dated 18th May, 2007, from Ms. Carmel Fox, Chief Executive, Ballyhoura Development Limited, seeking the nomination of two Members to the Board of Ballyhoura Development Limited for a three-year term.

The correspondence referred to recent guidelines issued by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in relation to the governance of Local Development Companies, such as Ballyhoura Development. It stated that while a number of issues in relation to these guidelines required clarification and no timescale was provided for their implementation, it was envisaged that the Board of Ballyhoura Development would be re-constituted in line with the ultimately agreed guidelines. Councillors Houlihan and McAuliffe were the outgoing Members on the Board and the nomination of two Members was now being sought for a further three-year period.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor McAuliffe;

“That, Councillors Houlihan and Gleeson be appointed to the Board of Ballyhoura Development Limited for a three-year term.”

As there were no other nominations, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillors Houlihan and Gleeson appointed to the Board of Ballyhoura Development Limited for a three-year term.

(c) Presentation by Limerick Co-Ordination Office

It was agreed to continue with the agenda and to take this item at 4pm when representatives from the Limerick Co-Ordination Office were due to address the meeting.

7. Conferences

Circulated, details of the following Conferences: (a) Irish Rural Dwellers' Association Planning Conference 2007 "Last Call for Rural Planning" held in Killarney, Co. Kerry, from 18th to 20th April, 2007; (b) Irish Rural Link Annual Conference 2007 "Access to Rural Services – Who Decides? Problems/Case Studies/Solutions" held in Cavan on 10th/11th May, 2007; (c) Training Seminar for Councillors "Effective Communications for Councillors" to be held in Castlebellingham, Co. Louth, from 8th to 10th June, 2007; (d) Ards Borough Council Conference on "Eco-Tourism: Getting the Balance", to be held at EXPLORIS: The Northern Ireland Aquarium and Seal Sanctuary, Portaferry, Co. Down, NI, from 8th to 10th June, 2007; (e) National Association of Councillors "Breaking Down the Barriers to Local Government Equality and Opportunity" to be held in Scarborough, United Kingdom, from 29th June to 1st July, 2007; (f) William Carleton Summer School to be held in Clogher, Co. Tyrone, from 6th to 10th August, 2007; (g) Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland 94th Annual Conference 2007 to be held in New Ross, Co. Wexford, from 13th to 15th September, 2007.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (K), seconded by Councillor O'Donovan, it was agreed that the following Members would attend:

Killarney, Co. Kerry: Councillors McAuliffe, O'Donovan, Galvin.

Cavan: Councillor Scanlan.

Castlebellingham, Co. Louth: Councillors Hurley, Foley, O'Donovan, Griffin, Ryan.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (K), seconded by Councillor O'Donovan, the Council approved the attendance of the following additional Members at Conferences already approved by the Council:

Sherkin Island 23rd Annual Environmental Conference "Enforcement of Environmental Regulations" – Carrigaline, Co. Cork – 29th/30th March, 2007: Councillor Sheahan (K).

BMW Regional Assembly Annual Conference - Carlingford, Co. Louth – 13th June, 2007: Councillors O'Donovan, Neville, Teeffy.

ADJOURNED NOTICE OF MOTION

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. O'Donovan

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick County Council undertake a detailed risk analysis of the public water supply in Co. Limerick to assess the possibility of the supply becoming contaminated with cryptosporidium or any other bacteriological infection that could possibly result in a similar situation to that currently being experienced in Galway.

Councillor O'Donovan stated that the purpose of the Motion was to ensure that the public water supply in the county was tested and analysed with a view to avoiding any possible contamination similar to the situation pertaining in Galway.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Harty who stated that the public needed to be assured on the safety of their water supply and that the Council needed to be safeguarded against any such risk occurring.

REPLY: Limerick County Council has previously carried out risk assessments in relation to cryptosporidium for water supplies fed by surface water bodies. In response to the Galway situation, the Council has commenced the process of reviewing such assessments.

QUESTIONS

Replies to the following Questions on the agenda had been circulated to all Members at the commencement of the meeting and the Questions were therefore considered as having been dealt with:

9. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next meeting what is the situation with the take-over of the Athea footbridge in Athea Village.

REPLY: The footbridge at Athea has been completed, and is in use for some time, and is indeed a welcome addition to the infrastructure at Athea. A commitment has been given by the Council that this bridge will be taken in charge, once some outstanding issues are clarified. These relate to land ownership and Engineer's Structural Certificate. Once these items are dealt with, the formal process of taking in charge can take place.

10. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next meeting for a detailed report on the progress on the Athea Sewerage Scheme.

REPLY: Athea Sewerage Scheme is part of a grouped project under the Water Services Investment Programme which also includes Askeaton, Shanagolden, Foynes and Glin. The Council is currently in the process of preparing a Preliminary Report for submission to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Preparation of that report is at an advanced stage and work will proceed on investigation of sewers (CCTV) at all 5 locations within the next few weeks. Once these surveys have been completed, the Council's Consultants expect the report will then be available for review by June.

Once the Preliminary Report has been reviewed and the economic justification for the project and various schemes considered, it will be submitted to the Department for approval.

It is not possible to give a construction start date at this point as there are several stages of approval to be negotiated prior to proceeding to tender, not the least of which will be the economic justification criteria of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Preliminary discussions have been held with Developers with a view to possible acceleration of delivery of a wastewater treatment plant but these have not, as yet, generated any definite proposals.

11. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next meeting what the value of the CLÁR top-up grant was to Limerick County Council this year in respect of the proposed Local Improvement Scheme works to commence this Autumn.

REPLY: To date, no confirmation has been received from the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs that any CLÁR funding will be available for Local Improvement Scheme works in 2007.

12. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next meeting how many local authority houses have been built / bought throughout our county outside recognised settlement areas in the years 1997 to date.

REPLY: There were 37 houses built and 35 houses purchased outside of the settlements in the years 1997 to date.

NOTICES OF MOTION

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Jackman

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick County Council introduce bye-laws to control the distribution of unsolicited material in the interests of public safety, security and environmental cleanliness.

Speaking on the Motion, Councillor Jackman referred to the distribution of free newspapers and other advertising flyers which she stated were not always delivered, resulting in the creation of additional litter. She added that some of these papers were left protruding from letterboxes which alerted robbers to the fact that houses were vacant and in other instances vandals were setting the papers on fire. She felt that there should be a responsibility on the producers of such material to exercise control over how it was being distributed.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Scanlan who agreed that bye-laws should be introduced to control the distribution of advertising material for environmental and safety reasons.

REPLY: The Council has powers under Section 21 of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, to make bye-laws for the purposes of preventing the creation of litter within its functional area. However, this provision does not apply to the distribution of advertising material by means of direct delivery to a residence. It is our understanding that the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government is considering the introduction of more severe penalties for the distribution of unsolicited material and also making provision for producer responsibility in relation to newsprint.

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick County Council should set up a new Windows and Doors Replacement Programme now that the heating programme is being concluded.

Councillor Collins stated that he was in receipt of constant representations regarding the condition of windows and doors in much of the Council's housing stock and for that purpose he was requesting that a repair programme be drawn up similar to the central heating programme which was nearing completion.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Galvin who agreed that many houses were in need of repairs.

REPLY: Limerick County Council completed a comprehensive planned maintenance programme in 2006 with the replacement of windows and doors in approximately 700 of its housing stock which was built prior to 1984. We are aware that there are still a limited number of houses that require these works. At the moment, we are carrying out a central heating programme over a 4-year period which is due for completion in 2008 and of which 80% is funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. In the meantime, we plan to identify precisely the number of remaining houses which need windows and door replacement and then to enter into discussion with the Department to establish how funding might be secured for such works.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick County Council would put in place appropriate measures to ensure adequate and safe traffic management at the junction of the Desmond League Soccer Pitch and the N69 at Askeaton.

Councillor Sheahan (K) stated that the lives of adults and children attending sports events at the soccer pitch were being put at risk because inadequate parking facilities at the venue necessitated crossing the N69. He requested, pending improvement of the junction by the NRA, that adequate safety measures be provided in the short term to alert approaching drivers.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Griffin

REPLY: This junction, Cloonreask Cross, on the N69, has been identified in an NRA sponsored N69 Route Review Audit for improvement works. Discussions are ongoing with this authority to secure funding for these works.

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. Ní Chinnéide

I will move at the next meeting that this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to implement a system whereby a registered list of landlords would be made available to County Councils for use by public representatives and the Councils.

This Motion was deferred to the June Meeting in Councillor Ní Chinnéide's absence from the chamber.

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next meeting that this local authority ban posterage for future elections on a countywide basis; also, that we would ask all sister authorities nationally to consider doing likewise.

In moving the motion Councillor Scanlan referred to the proliferation of election material prior to the recent General Election where in many cases posters were blown down littering the countryside, while others were blocking road signage. He felt that the money spent on such posters could be better employed.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Hurley who complained that certain areas had been blitzed with candidates' posters.

Following a discussion on the Motion in which some Members proposed a timeframe and a limit to the numbers of posters allowed for each candidate, the Director of Environment and Emergency Services suggested that the matter be referred to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration. This was agreed.

18. Correspondence:

The Correspondence circulated with the agenda was taken as read.

Presentation by Limerick Co-Ordination Office

The Cathaoirleach and Members welcomed Ms. Mary Dundon and Ms. Orla O'Connor from the Limerick Co-Ordination Office.

Ms. Mary Dundon, Communications Executive at Limerick Co-Ordination Office, informed the Meeting that the Office was set up about six years ago by Limerick City Council, Shannon Development, Limerick Chamber of Commerce and Limerick Civic Trust to promote the image of Limerick. It was a limited company with a public/private voluntary board which included IBEC / Dell / BDO, Limerick Chamber of Commerce, Limerick County Council, University of Limerick, Mary Immaculate College, Án Garda Síochána, Limerick City Business Association and Limerick Tourism and Trade Partnership.

Ms. Dundon stated that the Office was set up following a Grant Thornton Report in 1999 entitled *Promotion of Limerick 2005*. The report highlighted Limerick's problem areas – it was run down, not attractive to visitors, had a crime record and was not customer focused. Consequently, its poor image was negative to investment, negative to recruitment and to quality of life.

Limerick Co-Ordination Office had therefore set out to build a positive Limerick image, by bringing focus to city centre actions and promotions, by attracting investment and competing with other cities. She emphasised that Limerick City was the Region's Gateway, which needed a correct mix of shopping, leisure and service and should be capitalising on low cost flights coming into Shannon.

She informed the Members that the Limerick Co-Ordination Office had been working with the IDA to try and attract industry to Limerick and, aware of its negative image, had been giving presentations highlighting Limerick's educational facilities as well as its shopping, leisure and cultural facilities.

She stated that Limerick was now being branded as a "Riverside City" and they were requesting companies to use that logo on their letterheads. They were also focusing events at the river such as Riverfest and the French

Market. She stressed that half the visitors at these events came from the county.

In the area of rejuvenation, she outlined how the Office had co-ordinated city centre rejuvenation of public open spaces such as Baker Place, Bedford Row and Thomas Street. Work was also being planned for O'Connell Street, William Street and the Inner Orbital Route.

On a national level, she stated that Limerick Co-Ordination Office had done a Trade and Investment promotion with the Irish Times last year. They were also instrumental in bringing the Late Late Show to Limerick, the Pat Kenny Radio Show and promoting Limerick as a Rugby City. This included providing the t.v. screen for the Munster Match and organising the homecoming event. They would also be working with the GAA and Soccer this summer. Ms. Dundon referred to Limerick County Council's involvement in the Munster homecoming celebrations and also the Council's sponsorship of the Irish Open in Adare.

Promotionwise, they had also introduced Street Ambassadors who were acting as roving tourist guides to enhance the Limerick experience for visitors by guiding them to the best places to eat and visit. A Riverside Market in Bedford Row was being planned for every Sunday during the summer consisting of arts and crafts, speciality foods and jazz bands. It would run from 11.a.m. to 4.00 pm. It was also proposed to enhance the Milk Market and the French Market.

In conclusion, Ms. Dundon stated that she was satisfied that the efforts outlined to promote Limerick were working. She stated that the Co-Ordination Office provided a service that was available to everyone and that if any community in the county required assistance to promote events, her Office would be happy to assist. There had been huge private investment in hotels in the city and a new Opera Centre was planned for Rutland Street. She added that over the next year, her Office would be organising a major overseas retail marketing campaign and presenting a Limerick Investment Prospectus which would showcase available sites for development.

She informed the Members that day-to-day funding was provided by Limerick City Council, Limerick County Council, Shannon Development and the EU. They also had about 22 private sector patrons, the biggest being Aughinish Alumina and Analog Devices.

Ms. Dundon thanked the Members for their support and stated that she looked forward to meeting and working with them in the future.

Suspension of Standing Orders: The Cathaoirleach drew attention to the time which was approaching 5pm and on the proposal of Councillor Griffin, seconded by Councillor O'Donovan, Standing Orders were suspended to allow the discussion to continue.

Some Members emphasised the lack of recognition for Limerick County Council at public events especially in view of the fact that UL and most of the industrial estates were located in the administrative area of the Council. Other Members emphasised the fact that Limerick consisted of the city and its environs and the county, and that county areas should not be ignored for promotion. It was further suggested that as well as promoting riverside events, the Limerick Co-Ordination Office should become involved in initiatives to further promote the use of the waterfront. The need for the elimination of litter and the development of riverside walks was also highlighted.

Members complimented Ms. Dundon on what had been achieved to date and the Cathaoirleach thanked her for her very informative presentation.

RE-FIXED DATE FOR JULY COUNCIL MEETING:

Councillor Sheahan (K) referred to the Cathaoirleach / Party Leaders' meeting held earlier in the day and proposed that the date of the July Monthly Meeting be brought forward to ***Monday, 9th July, 2007, at 2.30 p.m.*** This was seconded by Councillor O'Donovan and agreed.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS:

The Register of Orders made by the County Manager up to the date of the meeting was available in the Council Chamber for inspection by the Members.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Register of Decisions on Applications under the Planning and Development Act 2000-2006 was also available in the Chamber for inspection by the Members.

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Don Chathaoirleach agus do gach Ball don Chomhairle

Casual Vacancies

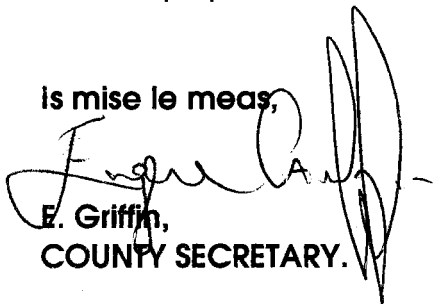
A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

I refer to my correspondence of 29th May, 2007, in relation to the casual vacancies which have arisen on the Council consequent on the election of Deputy Niall Collins and Deputy Kieran O'Donnell to Dáil Éireann. The procedure to be followed for the filling of the vacancies is as set out in Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, a copy of which has already been circulated. The following points should be noted in relation to the filling of casual vacancies:

- A casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the local authority of a person to fill the vacancy, subject to such person being nominated by the same registered political party who nominated for election or co-option the Member who caused the vacancy.
- A person is not to be proposed at a meeting of the local authority for co-option without his or her prior written consent.
- A co-option shall be made after due notice at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit.

It is now proposed to fill the casual vacancies at the Council Meeting on 25th June.

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E. Griffin,
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Vacancies on Strategic Policy Committees consequent on the election of Deputy Niall Collins and Deputy Kieran O'Donnell to Dáil Éireann

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Deputy Niall Collins and Deputy Kieran O'Donnell were members of the following Strategic Policy Committees:

Deputy Niall Collins:

- Transportation and Infrastructure SPC.
- Housing SPC.

Deputy Kieran O'Donnell:

- Planning and Development SPC.
- Transportation and Infrastructure SPC.

As a result of their election to Dáil Éireann, vacancies now exist on these Committees.

The Strategic Policy Committee Scheme approved by the Council at Council Meeting held in November 2004 sets out the following:

- Each Councillor should not serve on more than two SPCs for reasons of equity, good practice and workload.
- SPC Membership for Councillors should be for the lifetime of the Council.

The replacements for Deputy Collins and Deputy O'Donnell now require to be formally appointed as members of the above Strategic Policy Committees.

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Eugene Griffin,
County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LUIMNIGH

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12th June, 2007.

DON CHATHAOIRLEACH AGUS DO GACH BALL DON CHOMHAIRLE

DISPOSAL BY MEANS OF LEASE OF DROMCOLLOGHER COURTHOUSE.

A Chara,

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, of the intention of the County Council to dispose of the property described hereunder on the conditions specified.

Land: Courthouse at Carraward East, Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick.

Consideration: Yearly Rent of €10,000 per annum (to be reviewed every 5 years in accordance with the Consumer Price Index) from the first day of September 2007 for a period of 9 years and 9 months, provided however, that whilst the premises is being used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the lease the rent shall be €10 per annum.

Person from whom Acquired: This property would have passed into the control of the Council following the introduction of the Local Government Act 1898.

Lessee: Martina Molyneaux, Caroline Enright, Ann Lordan, Majella Ryan, John Leahy, Kieran Ryan, John Cahill,
Trustees of Teddy's Community Playschool

The Council shall resolve at a Meeting held after the expiration of ten clear days from this date that the disposal -

1. Shall not be carried out, or
2. Shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the Resolution.

If the Council do not pass a resolution to either effect, the Disposal may be carried out in accordance with the terms of this notice.

Mise le meas,


Runai Chontae

Note: This Disposal is subject to Teddy's Community Playschool obtaining Planning Permission for change of use of the premises from a Courthouse

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13 June, 2007.

Don Chathaoirleach agus do gach Ball den Comhairle

Re: Construction of a New Swimming Pool & Leisure Centre at Askeaton -- Deed of Covenant/Charge for Dry Side Facilities

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

To advance the construction and management of this facility, the Council and Askeaton Swimming Club Committee formalised its partnership through the formation of a company, Askeaton Pool & Leisure Ltd., in which the Council holds the majority shareholding and directorships.

In its letter of the 20th July 2006, conveying provisional approval to the allocation of additional grant-aid to the overall project in respect of €300,000 for the development of the dry side facilities in Askeaton, the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism specified that a Deed of Covenant and Charge to safeguard the public investment in the facility would be required. It further specified that the Deed would cover the following:

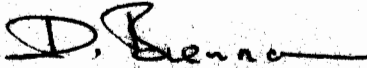
- a. The property where the development is to take place must be held under lease for a term of not less than 15 years from Limerick County Council to Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.
- b. It would involve a charge on the property for a period of 15 years and for repayment of the grant-aid in the event of the facility not continuing to be used for the purpose for which the grant-aid was allocated.
- c. The property, to which the grant relates, cannot be assigned, sublet or hired out without the agreement of the Minister.
- d. The property, and fixtures and fittings thereon, must be kept in good order, and are to be insured against loss or damage.

In a separate Deed of Agreement to be made between the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism and Limerick County Council, the Council, as landlord, undertakes that in the event of the property reverting to the Council before the expiration of the 15 year term of the Deed, the lands will be used for sporting and recreational purposes for at least the term of 15 years, or in the event that the lands are not used for sporting and recreational purposes, the Council undertakes to repay to the Minister

the amount of the grant then owing, or such sum as the Minister may demand whichever is the lesser amount.

Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 requires the approval of the Council to the execution of these Deeds. A resolution of the Council is now sought to this effect.

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**DIRECTOR,
TRANSPORTATION AND WATER SERVICES**

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Don Chathaoirleach and do gach Ball don Chomhairle

Re: Proposed Development Fund Allocations 2007-2009

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

In accordance with Section 48 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, a new Development Contribution Scheme was introduced by this Council in December 2003. This scheme set out the basis for the determination of contributions to be levied. Since the introduction of the Scheme the level of development activity has increased and much greater levels of development contributions have been levied on development than originally estimated.

You will recall that in early 2006 a programme of expenditure under the Development Contribution Scheme was brought before the Council setting out expenditure levels in the region of €18m. It is now proposed to allocate a further €64m over the next three years based upon anticipated income over that period. This unprecedented level of expenditure on a very ambitious programme will assist greatly in addressing infrastructural deficiencies hampering development and provide extensive community recreational and amenity facilities

The scale and size of capital infrastructure projects provided from the Development Contribution Scheme continues to increase and in order to speed up delivery of projects it has been decided to prepare a multi-annual 3 year programme for the period 2007 to 2009 inclusive. The ultimate objective is to ensure that projects are advanced and delivered in a timely and cost effective manner in line with the proposed 3 year schedule.

Accordingly this 3 year multi-annual programme is now been presented and it is intended to keep the Council fully informed of progress on the roll out of these projects on an ongoing basis. Levels of finance, expenditure and the rate of progress will be reviewed at the end of each of the three years and adjustments made where necessary.

It should be noted that while contributions are levied at the time that the decision to grant planning permission is made the development contribution does not fall due for payment until the development is about to commence. As a planning permission generally has a five-year life span there can be a considerable lapse in time between the granting of permission and the payment of the development contribution. If the development does not proceed or if decision to grant is overturned on appeal or the permission is modified or superceded by a subsequent permission, the development levy may never fall due. Accordingly a continual review on the levels of contributions collected is necessary on this basis.

In the allocation of funding, allocations are made on the same basis as the contributions were calculated in the first instance i.e. 30% towards Water Services & the Small Towns & Village Initiatives, 50% towards Transportation and 20% towards Community & Enterprise projects. A certain level of funding has been taken under the old scheme and this funding has been taken into account within these allocations for proposed schemes over the next 3 years.

Full details of the 3 year programme are attached and can be summarised as follows

- **Table 1** is a summary of the three year programme.
- **Table 2** is a breakdown of proposed expenditure on Water Services projects – types of projects covered include allocations to capital schemes including Limerick Main Drainage, Regional Water Supply Upgrade, Adare-Patrickswell and Mungret Sewerage Schemes along with allocations to Small Capital Schemes.
- **Table 3** is a breakdown of proposed projects under the Small Town & Villages PPP Initiatives, (Water Services). Projects include allocations towards the upgrade and provision of a number of Sewerage Treatment Plants including Pallaskenry, Doon, Cappamore, Oola, Ballyorgan and Kildimo.
- **Table 4** is a breakdown of Community & Enterprise projects such as Community Sports and Cultural Grants, Public Parks, Broadband, Tourism Development in the West Limerick area and facilities for youths including Playgrounds.
- **Table 5** is a breakdown of Roads & Transportation projects and includes allocations to various distributor roads throughout the County as well as upgrading and extension of footpaths, public lighting and Taking-In-Charge of estates.

In conclusion, this programme presents a unique opportunity and challenge to this Council. The increased levels of development activity over the last number of years has in turn given rise to an increase in the demand for supporting infrastructure. It is fundamental that the funds raised through this scheme are re-invested throughout the county to facilitate development. The increased level of development activity and the subsequent increased levels of development contributions has given this authority the opportunity to address infrastructural deficits within the county on a more ambitious scale than previously envisaged. The putting in place of this 3 year multi-annual programme is intended to manage and maintain growth through the provision of key infrastructure to support and encourage development.

As outlined earlier, it is intended to keep the Council fully informed of progress on the roll out of these projects on an ongoing basis.

Mise le meas,



Tom Enright
Director of Service,
Planning & Development

Table 1

Summary Chart Allocations 2007-2009						
No.	Programme	Total Allocation 2007	Total Allocation 2008	Total Allocation 2009	Overall Total Allocation 2007 - 2009	Percentage Allocation
		€m	€m	€m	€m	
1(a)	Water Services & Small Towns & Village Initiatives	€5.400	€6.600	€7.200	€19.200	30%
2	Community & Enterprise	€3.600	€4.400	€4.800	€12.800	20%
3	Transportation	€9.000	€11.000	€12.000	€32.000	50%
Total Allocation		€18.000	€22.000	€24.000	€64.000	100%
OVERALL TOTAL		€64.000				

The percentage allocation of €64m is broken down between the programme groups as follows:

Water Services & Small Towns & Village Initiatives: 30%
 Transportation: 50%
 Community & Enterprise 20%

This allocation is based on an 80%:20% allocation of funding from the Development Fund between Transportation / Water Services and Open Space/Community and as levied in the Development Contribution Scheme which was adopted by the Members in December, 2003.

Table 2

WATER SERVICES		
No.	Project	Allocation from Dev Fund 2007-2009
		€M
1	Mains Rehabilitation	€1.00
2	Small Capital Schemes	€0.90
3	Hospital Water Supply Augmentation	€1.20
4	Ballingarry Water Supply Augmentation	€1.00
5	Ballingarry Surface Water Relief Scheme	€0.50
6	Abbeyfeale Surface Water Killarney Road	€1.00
7	NCW Surface Water Churchtown (Stage 1)	€0.50
8	Ballyclogh Watermain	€0.10
9	Euroville Water Supply	€0.20
10	Fedamore-Carnane W.S.	€0.20
11	Abbeyfeale/NCW/Croom/Murroe ST Plant Upgrades	€1.54
12	Source Protection Systems	€0.25
18	Project Management	€0.703
Council Contribution to Major Capital Schemes/Loan Redemption		
13	Adare-Patrickswell Sewerage	€0.50
14	Kilmallock Sewerage	€1.00
15	Adare Water Supply	€1.00
16	SEWSS	€0.25
17	Castletroy STW Interim Upgrade	€0.50
18	Pallasgreen Sewerage Interim Upgrade	€0.25
19	Mungret Sewerage Scheme	€1.00
20	Limerick Main Drainage	€1.00
21	Regional Water Supply Clareville	€1.00
Total Allocation		€15.59

€6.5M

Table 3

SMALL TOWNS & VILLAGES PPP INITIATIVE		
No.	Project	Allocation from Dev Fund 2007-2009
		€M
1	Pallaskenry STP	€0.425
2	Doon STP	€0.300
3	Cappamore STP	€0.200
4	Oola STP	€0.500
5	Ballyorgan STP	€0.175
6	Kildimo STP	€0.500
7	Ballingarry Sewerage	€1.000
8	Clarina Sewage Collection System	€0.500
Total Allocation		€3.60

Table 4

COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE		
No.	Project	Allocation from Dev Fund 2007-2009
		€M
1	Castletroy Public Park	€2.30
2	Ballykeefe Public Park	€0.50
3	Caherdavin Public Park	€1.50
4	Public Parks - Acquisition & development of New Parks.	€0.50
5	Public Parks Development Works e.g. Demesne, NCW, Plassey Walk, Kilmallock & Adare River Walk.	€0.90
6	Community Centres	€1.00
7	Tourism development Ballyhoura Area.	€0.209
8	Tourism development West Limerick Area	€0.284
9	Playgrounds: Various	€0.690
10	Enterprise: E.g. Kantoher Enterprise Unit	€0.770
11	Community Sport Cultural Grant Scheme	€1.650
12	Village Renewal Scheme: Various	€0.360
13	Moyross Project	€0.250
14	Askeaton Swimming Pool	€0.400
15	F.A.I. Mini Pitches (one per electoral area)	€0.500
16	Broadband (M.A.N. at Abbeyfeale & Newcastle West)	€0.250
17	Culture: Irish Chamber Orchestra; University Concert Hall; East Limerick Community Radio	€0.139
18	Community CCTV - Council Match Funding	€0.060
19	CLAR Village Enhancement Scheme - Council Match Funding	€0.180
22	Communities in Motion - Facilities for Older Adults	€0.050
23	Facilities for Youths	€0.100
24	Project Management	€0.182
Total Allocation		€12.77

Table 5

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION		
No.	Project	Allocation from Dev Fund 2007-2009
		€M
1	Plassey Park Road Phase 2	€1.17
2	Kilfinane Urban Renewal	€0.20
3	Lower Maiden Street NCW	€1.40
4	Development works at Roundabouts	€0.210
5	Area Schemes value less than €150,000 - Schemes to be agreed by Local Area Committees.	€4.50
6	Croom Distributor Road	€1.20
7	Annacotty/Newtown Scheme - Phase 2	€1.50
8	Monaleen Road Phase 1	€1.30
9	Castletroy Distributor Rd Phase 2/Golf Links to Groody R'bout & Blockmill Rd. Realignment	€5.89
10	St. Ita's NCW	€0.30
11	Cappamore Roundabout	€0.50
12	Fr. Russell Rd.	€0.30
13	Murroe Village - footpath to hsg. Estate	€0.30
14	Oola Village - Main St. - pavement/public lighting/footpaths/services	€0.58
15	Village Plans Design Budget	€0.40
16	Village Plans - Footpath Reconstruction Countywide	€1.00
17	Village Plans - Public Lighting - upgrade and infill Countywide	€1.00
18	Structures - upgrade structures Countywide	€2.00
19	Retrofit Cyclelanes Castletroy	€0.60
20	Traffic Management NCW	€0.45
21	Traff Management Rathkeale - Design Budget	€0.03
22	Signposting Countywide	€1.00
23	Upgrading Housing Estates Countywide	€1.00
24	Fedamore Junction	€0.80
25	Taking-In-Charge of Estates	€1.00
27	Abbeyfeale Car Park	€0.057
28	Croom Urban Renewal	€0.136
29	Clonmacken Road	€0.101
30	St. Nessian's Rd	€0.458
31	Dooradoyle Road	€0.008
32	Castletroy Distributor Rd Bacon II	€0.059
34	Newcastlewest Distributor Road	€2.10
35	Project Management	€0.455
Total Allocation		€32.00

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18th June 2007

Don Chathaoirleach and do gach Ball don Chomhairle

Re: Proposed Variation to Limerick County Development Plan

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

I enclose herewith a copy of the Manager's report on proposed variation to the Limerick County Development Plan 2005-2011 and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the same for your consideration at the Full Council Meeting on Monday 25th June 2007. The variation is proposed in order to include the new CLÁR areas in the County and the Electoral Divisions of Askeaton East, Iveruss and Loughill as Structurally Weak Areas in the Settlement Strategy of the Plan.

The Members at their Full Council meeting on Monday 23rd April 2007 agreed to place the proposed variation and the SEA on formal public display from 5th May 2007 to 6th June 2007. During this statutory display period a total of 4 submissions were received. A report consisting of a summary of the 4 submissions received, together with my recommendations are attached as required by Section 13 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). A copy of the original submissions will be available for inspection at the Full Council meeting.

The Members at the Planning SPC at their meeting on 13th June 2007 considered the submissions received during the display period and agreed to recommend the adoption of the proposed variation to the Limerick County Development Plan with the amendments outlined in the attached Manager's report.

Therefore, subject to the agreement of the Full Council, it is recommended that the proposed variation to the Limerick County Development Plan is made with the amendments outlined in the attached Manager's report.

Mise le meas,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Enright', written over a horizontal line.

Tom Enright
Director of Service,
Planning & Development

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LUIMNIGH
LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL**

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(Co. Limerick).

18th June 2007

Don Chathaoirleach and do gach Ball don Chomhairle

Re: Proposed Castleconnell Local Area Plan 2007-2013


A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

I enclose herewith a copy of the Proposed Castleconnell Local Area Plan for consideration at the Full Council Meeting on Monday 25th June 2007.

The Castleconnell Area Committee considered the Plan at a number of meeting and agreed at their last meeting on 11th June 2007 to recommend to the Council that the Proposed Plan be put on public display. It is proposed that a public information meeting be held in Castleconnell during the public display period to consider the proposals contained within the Plan and details of this meeting will be published well in advance. When the display period is over any observations/submissions received will be brought to the Castleconnell Area Committee in the first instance, prior to the Plan being brought back to the Full Council for further consideration.

Therefore, subject to the agreement of the Full Council, it is recommended that the Proposed Plan be placed on public display for the statutory period of not less than 6 weeks from Saturday 8th July 2007 to Tuesday 21st August 2007.

Mise le meas,



**Tom Enright
Director of Service,
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Don Chathaoirleach agus do Gach Ball don Chomhairle

Strategic Policy Committees – Chairs

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

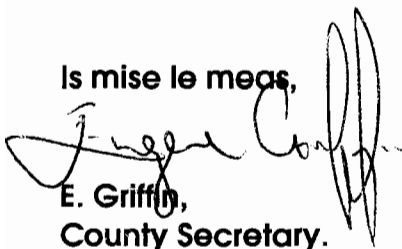
At the first Annual Council Meeting held on 25th June, 2004, the following Members were appointed as Chairs of the Strategic Policy Committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental | Cllr. Mary Harty. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | Cllr. Jerome Scanlan. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Development | Cllr. Noreen Ryan. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social, Cultural and
Community Development | Cllr. Eddie Creighton. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Infrastructure | Cllr. Michael Collins. |

In accordance with the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme adopted by the Council, *“SPC Chairs should hold office for a minimum of three years which could be renewed by the Council”*

A resolution of the Council is now required to appoint new Chairs or re-appoint existing Chairs.

Is mise le meas,



E. Griffin,
County Secretary.



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PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND AND LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP IN THE APPOINTMENT OF A FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

The Football Association of Ireland and Limerick County Council intend to work in partnership to fund the appointment of a Development Officer to operate within the Limerick County Council area. The appointment will be made on a contract basis for a period of three years.

The overall purpose of this initiative is to assist the FAI and Limerick County Council in achieving its core objectives of:

- ❑ Ensuring delivery of integrated football and sports development programmes throughout the community.
- ❑ Developing partnership and co-ordination between the relevant local statutory and voluntary bodies, in particular Limerick County Council, and maximising their involvement in the development of football in the county.
- ❑ The promotion of social inclusion through football, particularly in disadvantaged areas.
- ❑ Deliver active soccer development to key target communities.
- ❑ Increase participation and the opportunities for participation in football in Limerick County.


The Community Development Officer will be responsible for the delivery of the following:

- Education:**
- Plan, organise and implement coaching courses.
 - Assist in the implementation of national coaching courses as required.
 - Attend and assist in organising regional national seminars, educational workshops and events as required.
- Player Development:**
- Assist in the organisation and implementation of 'FAI Emerging Talent Programme'.
 - Assist in the development of player / coach development resources as required.
- Grassroots Development:**
- Assist in the planning of FAI Summer Camps, Schools, Women's, Futsal, Club / League Development and Football for All Programmes.
 - Organise and implement Schools Programme, Women's Programme and Futsal Programme.
 - Organise and implement Football for All Programme.
 - Develop programmes for participation by socially excluded groups / mainstream clubs and teams.
- Strategic Development:**
- Represent the FAI and Limerick County Council in 'Local Football Partnerships' as required.
 - Assist in strategic working groups as required and directed by the Technical Director or CEO and Limerick County Council.
 - Assist Limerick County Council, Limerick County Development Board and Limerick County Sports Partnership in matters relating to the development of sport in the area as identified by these bodies.
 - Liaise with the Limerick County Sports Partnership and the Sports Co-ordinator.
 - Working in co-operation with all leagues and stakeholders in Limerick County to promote the game.

The proposed agreement between the FAI and Limerick County Council is that both organisations will cover the cost of employment of the Development Officer by contributing 50% of all of the costs of employment of the Officer. The FAI will provide funding for the operation of the programmes.

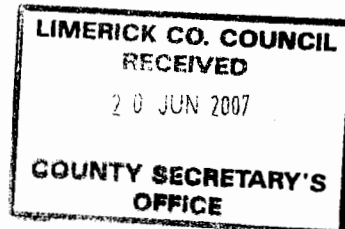
Although employed by the FAI, the Development Officer will work closely with existing agencies and their nominated personnel operating within the respective areas i.e. LSP Sports Co-ordinator, Community Staff, Youth Workers etc. One of the key benefits of the proposed appointment of a Development Officer will be the development and expansion of the range of opportunities for all the people of County Limerick to fully participate in recreational, sporting and physical activity.

Is mise le meas,


Josephine Cotter Coughlan,
Director – Community & Enterprise /
Human Resources / Corporate Services.

Mr. Eugene Griffin
County Secretary
Limerick County Council
County Hall
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19-6-07



Dear Eugene,

As briefly discussed West Limerick Resources in conjunction with Limerick County Development Board are establishing an Inter-Agency Forum for Rathkeale Town. This initiative arises from the Priority Action included in the current County Development Board Strategy which is set out as follows:

"To establish an Inter-agency Initiative for Rathkeale, with adequate resources to deliver a programme to address its unique situation"

The aim of the Forum is to develop and co-ordinate the implementation of an Action Plan to address a range of issues that pertain to the development of Rathkeale Town. It is hoped to have representation across a wide range of Agencies and Organisations who are instrumental to the future development of the Town including: Limerick County VEC, HSE, An Garda Siochana Department of Education and Science, Department of Social and Family Affairs as well as Limerick County Council and local community representatives. It is proposed that the Forum will meet on a bi-monthly / quarterly basis.

The first meeting takes place at Rathkeale House Hotel, Rathkeale at 10.00am July 5th 2007.

I am writing specifically to request that Limerick County Council would nominate two Local Elected Representatives to the Forum. If you require any additional information or clarification please do not hesitate to make contact.

Yours sincerely

Shay Riordan
Manager



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19th June, 2007.

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Establishment of Audit Committee - Audit Function in Local Authorities

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Local Government has made significant progress in implementing a package of measures to improve efficiency in the local government sector, as acknowledged in the Indecon Review of Local Government Financing. Many initiatives are now in place to support efficiency and value for money in the local government sector, including the new financial management systems, five-year multi-annual capital investment programmes, value for money auditing and expanding e-enablement. This reform process is now to be assisted by the introduction of a strong audit function and the establishment of an Audit Committee.

The Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act, 2006 (BIDS Act) provides for an enhanced role for Audit Committees in local authorities. These new provisions reflect best practice and developments in corporate governance in both the public and private sectors. Each City and County Council is now requested to put in place arrangements for the setting up of an Audit Committee as early as possible, and not later than the end of October 2007, with the aim of enhancing corporate governance and improving efficiency, transparency and accountability in local government finance across the country.

It is estimated that Limerick County Council spending in 2007 will be approximately €350m between capital and revenue expenditure. This is a very significant sum and has grown dramatically in recent years. It is important that the Council enhances its existing financial management and audit control systems to ensure the Council gets full value for this level of expenditure and that the principles of transparency and accountability are fully observed.

The proposed Audit Committee will have an independent role in advising the Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters, as part of the systematic review of the control environment and governance

procedures of the Council. The Committee will have a role in promoting good accounting practices, ensuring better and more informed decision-making, and improving the focus on value for money throughout the organisation. It will also support the work of the Internal Audit Unit and advise the Manager in relation to the operation and development of the Unit.

Specifically, the role of the Audit Committee can be summarised as follows:

- Assess and promote efficiency and value for money.
- Review financial and budgetary reporting practices and procedures within the Council.
- Foster the development of best practice in the internal audit function.
- Review auditor's report and special reports and assess follow-up action by management.
- Review risk management system, and
- Make such recommendations to the Council as the Committee considers appropriate in relation to the foregoing.

It is proposed that the Audit Committee will have five members, including at least three external members, and not more than two serving or retired Councillors (i.e. a former Councillor no longer holding an elected position at national or local political level). The Chair of the Committee will be selected by its members and must be one of the external members. At least one of the external members of the Committee must have relevant financial management / audit expertise. The external members proposed for inclusion on the Committee are as follows:

- Tony O'Brien, Director and Head of Business Consulting, Grant Thornton.
- Brid Quinn, Lecturer in Public Administration, University of Limerick.
- Reginald Freake, President of Limerick Chamber and Director and Vice-President, Westpark Shannon Limited.

A resolution of the Council is now required to establish the Audit Committee, to appoint two serving or retired Members, and to approve external members nominated by the Manager following consultation with the Cathaoirleach. Appointments to the Committee will be for the duration of the Elected Council, with subsequent committees to be established within three months of the first meeting of each Council. It is envisaged that at least four meetings of the Audit Committee will be held each year.

Is mise le meas,


J. Cotter Coughlan,
Director – Community & Enterprise /
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- Letter Received on 8th June, 2002, from the Office of the Mayor of Tallaght.
 - Letter Received on 15th June, 2002, from Mr. Vincent Moran, Executive Director, Dublin City Council.
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Mr T O'Callaghan
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3 JUN 2007

Dear Mr O'Callaghan

I refer again to your correspondence regarding the provision of suburban rail services in the Mid-West area.

As you will appreciate the provision of rail services is a matter for Iannród Éireann and I have forwarded your letter to Mr Frank Ryan for direct reply to you.

Yours sincerely


John Cagroy
Private Secretary

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A chara,

I wish to inform you that the City Council at the Monthly Meeting held on 11th June 2007 noted the contents of your letter dated 29th May 2007 concerning the issue of a resolution passed by Limerick County Council at a recent meeting asking the Minister for Education to accept responsibility for the sexual abuse of children by teachers and not pursue the victims for compensation who seek redress through the courts.

Is mise le meas,



Executive Director