

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 9th
DECEMBER, 2002, AT 4.00 p.m.**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. T. Quinn, was in the Chair.

The other Councillors present were:-

Cllrs. E. Caffrey, B. Golden, S. Molloy, E. Staunton, S. Weir, M. Burke, J. Mannion, D. Ryan, G. Coyle, P. Kilbane, F. Leneghan, S. Bourke, Patk. Burke, H. Kenny, A. McDonnell, J. Carty, T.D., J. Cribbin, R. Finn, P. McHugh, J. Flannery, J. Maloney, J. Mellett, G. Murray, M. Adams, F. Chambers, M. Ring, T.D., P. Sweeney.

Apologies received from Cllrs. J. Mee and A.M. Reape for inability to attend the Meeting.

The Officers in attendance were:-

Mr. D. Mahon, Co. Manager, Mr. J. Beirne, Dir. of Services / Co. Engineer, Mr. J. Loftus, Dir. of Services, Mr. J. Condon, Meetings Administrator, Mr. T. Mullen, Head of Finance, Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, Mr. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, Mr. P. Flanagan, A/Dir. of Services, Mr. I. Douglas, Sen. Planner, Ms. E. McCormack, Financial Accountant, Mr. M. Keating, Sen. Ex. Officer, Mr. J. Moran, Sen. Staff Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, A/Staff Officer.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Johnny Mee on the deaths of his Sister, Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Moran, North Circular Road, Dublin, and his Nephew’s Wife, Mrs. Jackie Mee, Carrigaline, Co. Cork, and that the Meeting adjourn at 6.00 p.m., as a mark of respect”.

ITEM NO. 1.

**MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNITHE COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A
BHI AR SIUL AR AN 4u SAMHAIN, 11u SAMHAIN AGUS 25u SAMHAIN,
2002, A DEIMHNIU.**

**TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON
4th NOVEMBER, 11th NOVEMBER AND 25th NOVEMBER, 2002.**

Mhol Comhairleoir P. McHugh

Chuid Comhairleoir P. Kilbane leis

Ghlacu leis an tairiscint:-

“Go n-aontaíomar le Miontuairisci Cruinnithe Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhi ar siul ar an 4u Samhain, 11u Samhain agus 25u Samhain, 2002”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meetings held on 4th November, 11th November and 25th November, 2002, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

ITEM NO. 2.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 3.21 ACRES OF LAND AT SALEEN, CASTLEBAR, TO MR. A.J. NOONAN, RHONELLAN DEV., POPLAR COURT, 74, CLAREVILLE ROAD, HAROLD’S CROSS, DUBLIN 6W, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 26th NOVEMBER, 2002, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Seconded by Cllr. Patk. Burke

Resolved:-

“That this Item be deferred to the January, 2003, Meeting of the Council, for consideration”.

ITEM NO. 3.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 2nd DECEMBER, 2002, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF LAHARDANE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Molloy

Seconded by Cllr. B. Golden

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 2nd December, 2002, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of Lahardane Sewerage Scheme”.

ITEM NO. 4.

(a) **TO NOTE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2001;**

(b) **TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF ESTIMATES FOR 2001.**

Mr. T. Mullen, Head of Finance, gave a brief outline to the Members of the Annual Financial Statement for Year ending 31st December, 2001.

(a) Proposed by Cllr. M. Burke

Seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke

Resolved:-

“That Annual Financial Statement for Year ending 31st December, 2001, be noted”.

Mr. Mullen replied to queries raised by the Members.

- (b) Proposed by Cllr. M. Burke
Seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke
Resolved:-
“That the Council hereby approve of expenditure in 2001 of €11,986,450 in excess of the expenditure provided for in the adopted Estimates for 2001, as detailed in Schedule to County Manager’s Report dated 2nd December, 2002, circulated to the Members and funded largely from receipts of €11,167,390 in excess of the estimated receipts”.

ITEM NO. 5.

- (a) **TO APPROVE OF REVISED LEVELS OF OVERDRAFT FOR HALF-YEARS ENDING 30th JUNE, 2001 AND 31st DECEMBER, 2002.**
(b) **TO APPROVE OF OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION OF €25m. FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 2003.**

- (a) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke
Resolved:-
“That we hereby approve of revised levels of Overdraft from £10m. to £10,249,487 for Half-Year ending 30th June, 2001 and from €20m. to €25,075,358 for Half-Year ending 31st December, 2002”.

- (b) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke
Resolved:-
“That we hereby approve of Overdraft Accommodation of €25m. for Half-Year ending 30th June, 2003, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government”.

ITEM NO. 6.

TO APPROVE OF THE ALLOCATION OF ARTS GRANTS FOR 2002.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane
Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the Allocation of Arts Grants for 2002 as follows:-

NAME OF APPLICANT	RECOMMENDED GRANT 2002

Claremorris Arts Committee	€3,809
Westport Arts Festival	€3,809
Carnacon Development Association	€1,650
Claremorris Drama Festival	€ 400

NAME OF APPLICANT	RECOMMENDED GRANT 2002
Scoil Acla, Acaill	€1,524
The George Moore Society	€ 500
Achill Artists Group	€ 450
Siamsa Sraide, Swinford	€ 800
Kenny Naughton School, Ballyhaunis	€ 700
Castlebar Blues Festival	€ 900
Feile Chois Cuain, Louisburgh	€1,000
Louisburgh Community Project	€1,270
Killala Festival & Regatta Committee	€ 250".

ITEM NO. 7.

TO ACCEPT INVITATION RECEIVED BY THE CATHAOIRLEACH TO VISIT SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADES AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams

Seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke

Resolved:-

"That the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. T. Quinn, accept Invitation to visit Sydney, Australia, for St. Patrick's Day Parades and Associated Events and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved".

ITEM NO. 8.

TO AUTHORISE THE ATTENDANCE OF THE CATHAOIRLEACH AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AT MAYO WORLD CONVENTION 2003 TO BE HELD IN TORONTO, CANADA, FROM 16th TO 18th MAY, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

"That the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. T. Quinn, Cllrs. P. Sweeney and P. Kilbane be nominated to attend Mayo World Convention 2003, to be held in Toronto, Canada, from 16th to 18th May, 2003, and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved".

ITEM NO. 9.

REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE.

It was agreed to defer this Item to the Budget Meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 10.
HOUSING.

It was agreed to defer this Item to the Budget Meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 11.
TO ADOPT A DRAFT HOMELESS STRATEGY.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Carty
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Draft Homeless Strategy dated 2nd December, 2002, as circulated”.

ITEM NO. 12.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETINGS HELD ON 31st MAY AND 21st OCTOBER, 2002.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meetings held on 31st May and 21st October, 2002, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 13.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19th SEPTEMBER,
2002.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Planning and Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 19th September, 2002, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 14.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF SWINFORD AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD
ON 18th JUNE AND 3rd SEPTEMBER, 2002.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Swinford Area Committee Meetings held on 18th June and 3rd September, 2002, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 15.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF BALLINA AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3rd SEPTEMBER, 2002.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Molloy

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Ballina Area Committee Meeting held on 3rd September, 2002, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 16.

TO CONSIDER LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 3rd DECEMBER, 2002.

1. **Mary Catherine Phelan – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse with proprietary effluent treatment unit at Cloongowla, Ballinrobe.**

The Council were informed of the up to date position on this Planning application.

2. **James Joseph Phelan – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse with proprietary effluent treatment unit at Cloongowla, Ballinrobe.**

The Council were informed of the up to date position on this Planning application.

3. **Kevin Garrett – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Tawnagh, Toonacrock, Lahardaun, Ballina.**

The Council were informed of the up to date position on this Planning application.

4. **Celine Garrett – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Tawnagh, Toonacrock, Lahardaun, Ballina.**

The Council were informed of the up to date position on this Planning application.

5. **Tom Meehan – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Annagh Td., Ballyhaunis.**

The Council were informed of the up to date position on this Planning application.

6. John Tracey – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Lugalisheen North, Ballindine.

The Council were informed of the up to date position on this Planning application.

7. Bernard & Kathleen Pidgeon – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Drumneen South, Claremorris.

The Council were informed of the up to date position on this Planning application.

8. James Flannery – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse, effluent treatment unit and percolation area at Carrowsteelaun, Claremorris.

The Council were informed of the up to date position on this Planning application.

9. John Kelly – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse, effluent treatment unit and percolation area at Carrowsteelaun, Claremorris.

The Council were informed of the up to date position on this Planning application.

10. Jim Moran – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse with waste water treatment unit at Tonragee West, Achill.

The Council were informed of the up to date position on this Planning application.

11. Sean McAndrew – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Moyne, Killala.

The Council were informed that this Planning application had been withdrawn.

12. Joan Williams – Application for Planning Permission to construct two-bay double slatted house including calf creep at Rathlacken, Carrowmore Lacken.

The Council were informed of the up to date position on this Planning application.

13. Declan Feerick – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Carrowniskey, Ballycastle.

The Council were informed of the up to date position on this Planning application.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

- (a) “That Mayo County Council outline what progress has been made in relation to Agenda 21 and under the Local Government Act. That a presentation be made to the Council in relation to progress in this particular area”.

Report dated 20th November, 2002, as circulated, was accepted by the Council.

- (b) “That Mayo County Council calls on the Government to immediately reverse its decision in relation to abolition of grant for first time house buyers”.

It was agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the January, 2003, Meeting of the Council.

- (c) “That Mayo County Council calls on the Government and Bord Gais to state unequivocally when Mayo is going to be provided with a gas service from the gas find off the Mayo coast, as promised by Minister Frank Fahy and Fianna Fail deputies prior to the General Election”.

It was agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the January, 2003, Meeting of the Council.

- (d) Proposed by Cllr. M. Burke
Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan
Resolved:-

“That Mayo Co. Co. take a more active approach to derelict sites in the County and that the law is enforced on all offending sites”.

- (e) “That the County Manager gives the up-to-date position in relation to -

- (1) The Essential Repair Grant and D.P. Grants;
- (2) The number of applicants waiting for Local Authority Houses;
- (3) The number of Housing Units provided under the Housing Strategy”.

It was agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the Budget Meeting of the Council.

- (f) "That this Council calls on the Mayo County Manager to outline in detail this Council's position in regard to developers extending Sewerage Schemes, taking into account -
- (a) (i) Government Policy;
 - (ii) Extensions to be paid for by the developers;
 - (b) That the Manager would use as an example an extension from Castlebar Sewerage Scheme to Breaffy Village".

It was agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the January, 2003, Meeting of the Council.

The Cathaoirleach and County Manager then wished all the Members, Staff and their families and the Members of the Press, a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Seconded by Cllr. J. Carty

Resolved:-

"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Margaret Leneghan, Aughness South, Ballycroy, Westport, on the death of her Husband, Frank".

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. R. Finn

Resolved:-

"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mary & Pat Morley, Castlegar, Claremorris, on the death of their Brother and Son, James".

Proposed by Cllr. R. Finn

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Martin Walsh, Brize, Claremorris, on the death of Joe Walsh".

The Meeting adjourned at 6.00 p.m.