MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 8th DECEMBER, 2003, AT 4.00 p.m.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Chambers, was in the Chair.

The other Councillors present were:-


Apologies received from Cllrs. M. Adams, B. Golden and A.M. Reape for inability to attend the Meeting.

The Council Staff 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. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. T. McNulty, Sen. Engineer, Mr. P. Duggan, Management Accountant, Ms. A. McCarthy, Arts Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

A detailed discussion took place on the recent announcement by the Government to decentralise certain Government Departments to various locations throughout the Country.

ITEM NO. 1.
MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNIU COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI AR SIUL AR AN 10U SAMHAIN, 2003, A DEIMHNIU.
TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th NOVEMBER, 2003.

Mhol Comhairleoir A. McDonnell
Chuid Comhairleoir P. McHugh leis
Ghlacu leis an tairiscint:-
“Go n-aontaíomar le Miontuairiscí Cruinniú Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhi ar siul ar an 10ú Samhain, 2003”.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-
“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meeting held on 10th November, 2003, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

Referring to Minute No. 526/03 of 10th November, 2003, it was -

Proposed by Cllr. M. Burke
Seconded by Cllr. J. Mannion
Resolved:-
“That Minute No. 526/03 of 10th November, 2003, be amended to provide that the land may revert back to the Council if the development is not carried out within two years”.

ITEM NO. 2.
(a) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY JOHN CARTY;**
(b) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE COUNTY TOURISM COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY JOHN CARTY;**
(c) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE WESTERN INTER-COUNTY RAILWAY COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY JOHN CARTY;**
(d) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON CLAREMORRIS SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY JOHN CARTY;**
(e) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON BARNACARROLL AND CUILTIBO ENTERPRISES LIMITED CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY JOHN CARTY;**
(f) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF KNOCK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY JOHN CARTY.**

A number of Councillors paid tribute to Deputy John Carty who had resigned as a Member of Mayo County Council with effect from 21st November, 2003. Deputy Carty had resigned from the Local Authority due to the ending of the dual mandate.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff, thanked Deputy Carty for his courtesy and assistance since becoming a Member of Mayo County Council in 1999.

(a) **Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh**
   **Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell**
   **Resolved:-**
   “That Mr. Michael Carty, Carrowmore, Knock, Co. Mayo, be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Council created by the resignation of Deputy John Carty”.

   As there was no other proposal, the Cathaoirleach declared Mr. Carty elected as a Member of Mayo County Council.

   Councillor Carty entered the Council Chamber and was welcomed by the Cathaoirleach and Members.

   Councillor Carty thanked the Members for having unanimously co-opted him to the Council.
(b) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell  
Resolved:—  
“That Cllr. Michael Carty be appointed to fill the vacancy on the  
County Tourism Committee created by the resignation of Deputy  
John Carty”.

(c) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell  
Resolved:—  
“That Cllr. Michael Carty be appointed to fill the vacancy on the  
Western Inter-County Railway Committee created by the resignation  
of Deputy John Carty”.

(d) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell  
Resolved:—  
“That Cllr. Michael Carty be appointed to fill the vacancy on  
Claremorris Swimming Pool Committee created by the resignation  
of Deputy John Carty”.

(e) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell  
Resolved:—  
“That Cllr. Michael Carty be appointed to fill the vacancy on  
Barnacarroll and Culiltibo Enterprises Limited created by the  
resignation of Deputy John Carty”.

(f) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell  
Resolved:—  
“That Cllr. Michael Carty be appointed to fill the vacancy on the  
Consultative Committee of Knock International Airport created by  
the resignation of Deputy John Carty”.

ITEM NO. 3.  
TO ELECT A COUNCILLOR FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE  
HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE  
RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY JOHN CARTY.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell  
Resolved:—  
“That Cllr. T. Quinn be elected Chair of the Housing Strategic Policy  
Committee created by the resignation of Deputy John Carty”.

ITEM NO. 4.
TO ELECT A COUNCILLOR FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR FRANK CHAMBERS AS CHAIR OF THE ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy
Resolved: -
“That Cllr. A. McDonnell be elected Chair of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee created by the resignation of Councillor Frank Chambers as Chair of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee”.

ITEM NO. 5.
ADDRESS BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN WARD, MAYOR, TUAM TOWN COUNCIL.

Councillor Martin Ward, Mayor, Tuam Town Council, addressed the Members of the Council.

The Cathaoirleach, County Manager and the Members complimented and thanked Councillor Ward for his Presentation.

ITEM NO. 6.
TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 10th NOVEMBER, 2003, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF PROPOSAL FOR 4 HOUSE DEVELOPMENT AT MOYGOWNAGH.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Staunton
Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy
Resolved: -

ITEM NO. 7.
TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 10th NOVEMBER, 2003, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF PROPOSAL FOR 4 HOUSE DEVELOPMENT AT PARKVIEW, CHARLESTOWN.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Flannery
Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney
Resolved: -

**ITEM NO. 8.**
TO CONSIDER ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BALLINA TOWN COUNCIL, CASTLEBAR TOWN COUNCIL AND WESTPORT TOWN COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE TRANSFER OF WATER FUNCTIONS TO MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 85 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Molloy  
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Resolved:-
“That we hereby enter into an Agreement with Ballina Town Council, Castlebar Town Council and Westport Town Council in respect of the transfer of Water Functions to Mayo County Council in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001”.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Ring  
Seconded by Cllr. J. Mee  
Resolved:-
“That an Item on Design, Build and Operate be placed on the Agenda for the January, 2004, Meeting of the Council”.

**ITEM NO. 9.**
(a) TO APPROVE OF REVISED LEVEL OF OVERDRAFT FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING 31\textsuperscript{st} DECEMBER, 2003;  
(b) TO APPROVE OF OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION OF €30\textsuperscript{m.} FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING 30\textsuperscript{th} JUNE, 2004.

(a) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy  
Resolved:-
“That we hereby approve of revised level of Overdraft from €25m. to €33,101,131 for Half-Year ending 31\textsuperscript{st} December, 2003”.

(b) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane  
Resolved:-
“That we hereby approve of Overdraft Accommodation of €30m. for Half-Year ending 30\textsuperscript{th} June, 2004, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government”.

ITEM NO. 10.
TO APPROVE OF THE ALLOCATION OF ARTS GRANTS FOR 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane
Resolved:-
“That we hereby approve of the Allocation of Arts Grants for 2003 as follows:-

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ITEM NO. 11.
TO ACCEPT INVITATION RECEIVED BY THE CATHAOIRLEACH TO VISIT SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, FOR ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADES AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS.

The Council were informed of the estimated cost of sending a Delegate to visit Sydney, Australia, for St. Patrick’s Day Parades and Associated Events.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy
Resolved:-
“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Chambers, accept Invitation to visit Sydney, Australia, for St. Patrick’s Day Parades and Associated Events and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved”.

ITEM NO. 12.
TO APPROVE OF PREFERRED ROUTE FOR N5 BALLYVARY / BOHOLA ROAD.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane
Resolved:-
“That this Item be deferred to the January, 2004, Meeting of the Council”.

Cllrs. H. Kenny and A. McDonnell expressed their concerns regarding the Preferred Route for this Road.

It was agreed that a Briefing in connection with this Project would take place between the Castlebar Electoral Area Councillors and the Swinford Electoral Area Councillors before County Council Meeting to be held on 12th January, 2004.

ITEM NO. 13.
TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 0.07 ACRES OF LAND AT KILMORE, KILKELLY, TO MR. JAMES NOEL KENNY, URLAUR, KILKELLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 6th NOVEMBER, 2003, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Flannery
Seconded by Cllr. M. Carty
Resolved:-
“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.07 acres of Land at Kilmore, Kilkelly, to Mr. James Noel Kenny, Urlaur, Kilkelly, for €1,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 6th November, 2003, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 14.
TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 3.346 ACRES OF LAND AT ABBEYTOWN, CROSSMOLINA, TO CROSSMOLINA ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB, CROSSMOLINA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 17th NOVEMBER, 2003, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Staunton
Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy
Resolved:-
“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 3.346 acres of Land at Abbeytown, Crossmolina, to Crossmolina Association Football Club, Crossmolina, for an Annual Rent of €100 per annum, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 17th November, 2003, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 15.
TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 0.0785 HECTARES OF LAND AT REAR OF SITES 6 & 8, WESTPORT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, NEWPORT ROAD, WESTPORT, TO MR. VINCENT COAKLEY, STREAMSTOWN, WESTPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 21st NOVEMBER, 2003, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane
Resolved:-
“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.0785 hectares of Land at rear of Sites 6 & 8, Westport Industrial Estate, Newport Road, Westport, to Mr. Vincent Coakley, Streamstown, Westport, for €2,500, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 21st November, 2003, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 16.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9th JUNE, 2003.

It was agreed to defer this Item to the January, 2004, Meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 17.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF BALLINA ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16th SEPTEMBER, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Weir
Seconded by Cllr. E. Staunton
Resolved:-
“That Minutes of Ballina Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 16th September, 2003, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 18.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF BELMULLET ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 16th SEPTEMBER, 3rd OCTOBER AND 20th OCTOBER, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane
Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan
Resolved:-
“That Minutes of Belmullet Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 16th September, 3rd October and 20th October, 2003, be noted”.
NOTICES OF MOTION.
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(a) Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee
    Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane
    Resolved:-
    “That Mayo County Council calls on the Government to reverse its
decision to discontinue FAS/Community Employment Schemes”.

It was agreed to defer Notices of Motion (b) to (e) inclusive, as listed on the

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.
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Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney
Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn
Resolved:-
“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Liam Grant, Sheroe,
Westport, on the death of his Wife, Kay”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney
Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn
Resolved:-
“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Helen Farrell,
Rosbeg, Westport, on the death of her Brother, Vincent Hanley”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett
Seconded by Cllr. J. Flannery
Resolved:-
“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Brennan family,
Cullane, Swinford, on the death of John Brennan”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mannion
Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin
Resolved:-
“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Gerald Walsh &
family, Annfield, Hollymount, on the death of her Husband, Gerald”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mannion
Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin
Resolved:-
“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Joe Walsh, Roose,
Hollymount, on the death of his Brother, Gerald”.

Proposed by Cllr. R. Finn
Seconded by Cllr. J. Mee
Resolved:-
“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Davin family, Cappagh, Claremorris, on the death of John Davin”.

The Meeting concluded at 7.10 p.m.