

MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10th NOVEMBER, 2003, AT 4.00 p.m.

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

The other Councillors present were:-

Cllrs. E. Caffrey, B. Golden, S. Molloy, A.M. Reape, E. Staunton, S. Weir, M. Burke, J. Mannon, D. Ryan, G. Coyle, P. Kilbane, F. Leneghan, T. Quinn, S. Bourke, C. Burke, B.C. Flynn, T.D., H. Kenny, A. McDonnell, J. Mee, J. Carty, T.D., J. Cribbin, R. Finn, P. McHugh, J. Flannery, J. Maloney, J. Mellett, J. Maloney, M. Adams, M. Ring, T.D., P. Sweeney.

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. I. Douglas, Sen. Planner, Ms. E. McCormack, Financial Accountant, Mr. P. Duggan, Management Accountant, Mr. M. Mongan, Sen. Engineer, Mr. P. Burke, Sen. Engineer, Mr. P. Flanagan, Sen. Ex. Officer, Mr. J. Moran, Sen. Staff Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

Mr. M. Browne, Solicitor, was also in attendance.

ITEM NO. 1.

MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNITHE COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI AR SIUL AR AN 13^u DEIREADH FOMHAIR AGUS 20^u DEIREADH FOMHAIR, 2003, A DEIMHNIU.

TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 13th OCTOBER AND 20th OCTOBER, 2003.

Mhol Comhairleoir T. O Cuinn
Chuid Comhairleoir M. Burke leis
Ghlacu leis an tairiscint:-

“Go n-aontaíomar le Miontuairisci Cruinnithe Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhí ar siúl ar an 13^u Deireadh Fomhair agus 20^u Deireadh Fomhair, 2003”.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Quinn
Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meetings held on 13th October and 20th October, 2003, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

ITEM NO. 2.

- (a) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF SENATOR PADDY BURKE;**
- (b) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF SENATOR PADDY BURKE;**
- (c) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON MAYO NATURALLY LIMITED CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF SENATOR PADDY BURKE;**
- (d) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE TRAVELLING PEOPLE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF SENATOR PADDY BURKE;**
- (e) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON MAYO NATURALLY LIMITED CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF SENATOR PADDY BURKE;**
- (f) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON BALLINTUBBER COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF SENATOR PADDY BURKE;**
- (g) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON CASTLEBAR SWIMMING POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF SENATOR PADDY BURKE;**
- (h) **TO FILL THE VACANCY ON MANULLA COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF SENATOR PADDY BURKE.**

- (a) Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane
Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny
Resolved:-
“That Mr. Cyril Burke, Gradogue, Ballyglass, Claremorris, be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Council created by the resignation of Senator Paddy Burke”.

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

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

Councillor Burke thanked the Members for having unanimously co-opted him to the Council. He pledged to work for the benefit of the Castlebar Electoral Area and the County as a whole.

- (b) Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-
“That Cllr. Cyril Burke be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee created by the resignation of Senator Paddy Burke”.

- (c) **Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane**
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-
“That Cllr. Cyril Burke be appointed to fill the vacancy on Mayo Naturally Limited created by the resignation of Senator Paddy Burke”.
- (d) **Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane**
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-
“That Cllr. Cyril Burke be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Travelling People Consultative Committee created by the resignation of Senator Paddy Burke”.
- (e) **Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane**
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-
“That Cllr. Cyril Burke be appointed to fill the vacancy on Belcarra Community Centre created by the resignation of Senator Paddy Burke”.
- (f) **Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane**
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-
“That Cllr. Cyril Burke be appointed to fill the vacancy on Ballintubber Community Centre Limited created by the resignation of Senator Paddy Burke”.
- (g) **Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane**
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-
“That Cllr. Cyril Burke be appointed to fill the vacancy on Castlebar Swimming Pool Advisory Committee created by the resignation of Senator Paddy Burke”.
- (h) **Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane**
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-
“That Cllr. Cyril Burke be appointed to fill the vacancy on Manulla Community Centre Limited created by the resignation of Senator Paddy Burke”.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS.

Proposed by Cllr. C. Burke

Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Ms. Sarah Corley, Belcarra, Castlebar, and her team mate, Ms. Angela Lyons, Kildare, on winning the World Women’s B Doubles Title in the World Handball Championships”.

Proposed by Cllr. R. Finn

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Mr. Tim Hughes, Streamstown, Claremorris, on winning the “25” Card Drive All-Ireland Championship 2003”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Ms. Teresa O’Malley, Mid-West Radio, Ballyhaunis, on winning an E.S.B. National Award in the Regional / Provincial Broadcast Category”.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Burke

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mellett

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Councillor Eddie Staunton on being elected to the Executive Committee of the General Council of County Councils”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mannion

Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Ms. Christina Heffernan, Mollaroe, Hollymount, on winning the Vodafone “Ladies G.A.A. Player of the Year” Award”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Maloney

Seconded by Cllr. B.C. Flynn

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Mr. Adrian Langan, Kiltimagh, on winning the “Young European of the Year” Award”.

ITEM NO. 3.

ADDRESS BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN WARD, MAYOR, TUAM TOWN COUNCIL.

As Councillor Ward was not available to attend the Meeting, it was agreed to invite him to address the December Meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 4.

TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PLAN 2004.

Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, gave a Presentation on the amendments to the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2004.

Queries raised in relation to the Plan were replied to by Mr. Hynes.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt amendments to Traveller Accommodation Plan 2004, as circulated”.

ITEM NO. 5.

(a) **TO NOTE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2002.**

(b) **TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF BUDGET FOR 2002.**

Mr. T. Mullen, Head of Finance, gave a brief outline to the Members of the Annual Financial Statement for Year ending 31st December, 2002.

(a) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That Annual Financial Statement for Year ending 31st December, 2002, be noted”.

Mr. Mullen replied to queries raised by the Members.

(b) Proposed by Cllr. J. Maloney

Seconded by Cllr. S. Weir

Resolved:-

“That the Council hereby approve of expenditure in 2002 of €15,043,367 in excess of the expenditure provided for in the adopted Budget for 2002, as detailed in Schedule dated 5th November, 2003, circulated to the Members and funded largely from receipts of €12,234,217 in excess of the estimated receipts”.

ITEM NO. 6.

TO APPROVE OF THE RAISING OF A LOAN OF €10m. FROM THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY PLC., FOR PURPOSES AUTHORISED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the raising of a Loan of €10m. from the Housing Finance Agency Plc., for purposes authorised under the Housing Acts”.

ITEM NO. 7.

TO NOTE REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That a Special Meeting of the Council be held to discuss the Development Contribution Scheme when the display process is completed”.

ITEM NO. 8.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 18th SEPTEMBER, 2003, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ONE NEW 3 BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE, SEPTIC TANK AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT DERRYKILLEW, LISCARNEY, WESTPORT.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 18th September, 2003, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of the proposed construction of one new 3 bedroomed detached house, septic tank and ancillary works at Derrykillew, Liscarney, Westport”.

ITEM NO. 9.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 29th SEPTEMBER, 2003, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF 10 NO. DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS, SERVICES AND LANDSCAPING AT THE FAIRGREEN, KILMAINE.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan

Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 29th September, 2003, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of the proposed construction of 10 No. dwellings and associated site works, services and landscaping at the Fairgreen, Kilmaine”.

ITEM NO. 10.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 4 ACRES OF LAND AT FRIARSQUARTER, CLAREMORRIS RD., BALLINROBE, ORIGINALLY ACQUIRED FROM MR. CHRISTOPHER SEARS, TO THE WESTERN HEALTH BOARD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE CIRCULATED ON 29th OCTOBER, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Burke

Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 4 acres of Land at Friarsquarter, Claremorris Rd., Ballinrobe, originally acquired from Mr. Christopher Sears, to the Western Health Board, Merlin Park, Galway, for €380,000, in accordance with Notice circulated on 29th October, 2003”.

Cllrs. M. Burke, D. Ryan and J. Mannion expressed the view that the Western Health Board should proceed with this development without delay.

ITEM NO. 11.

TO APPROVE OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CULTURAL, EDUCATION, HERITAGE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE REGARDING GARDA POLICING PLAN (REPORT ATTACHED).

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of recommendation from the Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee regarding Garda Policing Plan (Report attached)”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mee

Resolved:-

“That the Good Wishes of the County Council be extended to Mr. Joe Staunton, Belcarra, Castlebar, on his recent retirement as Superintendent from the Garda Siochana, Castlebar”.

The time being 8.00 p.m., it was -

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke

Resolved:-

“That “Standing Orders” be suspended in order to allow the Meeting to continue”.

ITEM NO. 12.

TO APPROVE OF THE RAISING OF A LOAN OF €5m. IN RESPECT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANDFILL SITES AT DERRINUMERA, NEWPORT AND RATHROEEN, BALLINA.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Seconded by Cllr. S. Weir

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the raising of a Loan of €5m. in respect of the development of Landfill Sites at Derrinumera, Newport and Rathroeen, Ballina”.

ITEM NO. 13.

EUROPEAN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

It was agreed to defer this Item.

ITEM NO. 14.

TO ACCEPT INVITATION RECEIVED FROM THE CALDERDALE-MAYO TWIN LINK SOCIETY TO THE CATHAOIRLEACH OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO ATTEND FUNCTION IN CALDERDALE ON 13th FEBRUARY, 2004.

The Council were informed of the estimated cost of sending a Delegate to this Function.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams

Resolved:-

“That we hereby authorise the attendance of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Chambers, Cllrs. P. McHugh and J. Mellett at Calderdale-Mayo Twin Link Society Function to be held in Calderdale on 13th February, 2004, and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved”.

ITEM NO. 15.

TO AUTHORISE THE ATTENDANCE OF THE CATHAOIRLEACH AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO VISIT U.S.A. FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADES AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS.

The Council were informed of the estimated cost of sending a Delegate to visit U.S.A. for St. Patrick's Day Parades and Associated Events.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That we hereby authorise the attendance of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Chambers, Cllrs. A.M. Reape and J. Mannion to visit U.S.A. for St. Patrick’s Day Parades and Associated Events and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved”.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. F. Leneghan and P. Kilbane reported on the recent Twinning Ceremony which took place in Cleveland, Ohio, between Mayo County Council and Cleveland City Council.

ITEM NO. 16.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14th JULY, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Weir

Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 14th July, 2003, be noted”.

It was agreed to request the National Roads Authority to meet with the Cathaoirleach of the County Council and the Members of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

ITEM NO. 17.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF CULTURAL, EDUCATION, HERITAGE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24th JULY, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 24th July, 2003, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 18.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “ENERGY FROM FRESH AIR 2003 – WIND CONFERENCE & STUDY TOUR” – TO BE HELD IN THE SLIGO PARK HOTEL, SLIGO, ON 13th AND 14th NOVEMBER, 2003.

The Council were informed of the estimated cost of sending a Delegate to this Conference.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. P. McHugh, P. Sweeney and G. Coyle be nominated to attend Conference – “Energy from Fresh Air 2003 – Wind Conference & Study Tour” – to be held in the Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo, on 13th and 14th November, 2003”.

Conference – Dublin – 21st November, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Seconded by Cllr. E. Staunton

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. M. Burke be nominated to attend Zero Waste Conference – “Low Cost Solutions to Ireland’s Waste Crisis” – to be held in Tailor’s Hall, Back Lane, Dublin, 8, on 21st November, 2003”.

National Tourism Conference – Ennistymon, Co. Clare – 27th to 29th November, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. J. Carty

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. B. Golden and P. Sweeney be nominated to attend National Tourism Conference – “Technology in Tourism Development” – to be held in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare, from 27th to 29th November, 2003”.

A discussion took place regarding the purchase of Bartragh Island in Killala Bay, by Mr. Nick Faldo, for use as a world class Golf Course.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

It was agreed to defer Notices of Motion (a) to (e) inclusive, as listed on the Agenda, to the December Meeting of the Council.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Weir

Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Armstrong family, Corroy, Ballina, on the death of their Father”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney

Seconded by Cllr. J. Carty

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Mary T. Hegarty, Carramore, Louisburgh, on the death of her Mother, Mrs. Mary Ellen Sammon”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney

Seconded by Cllr. J. Carty

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Jim Kiely, Rosbeg, Westport, on the death of his Wife, Satch”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. G. Murray

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Kilgallon family, Swinford, on the death of Vincent Kilgallon”.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Donoghue family, Glencorrib, Co. Mayo, on the death of Bill Donoghue”.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Flood family, Ballynalty, Glencorrib, on the death of Tom Flood”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. B. Golden

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Tuffy family, Cloonkeelane, Enniscrone, Co. Sligo, on the death of their Mother, Beatrice”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Gay Solan, Local Government Auditor, 52, Beach Crescent, Salthill, Galway, on the death of his Wife, Geraldine”.

The Meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.