

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13th
OCTOBER, 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, S. Weir, M. Burke, J. Mannion, D. Ryan, G. Coyle, P. Kilbane, F. Leneghan, T. Quinn, 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, G. Murray, 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. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, Mr. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, Mr. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. I. Douglas, Sen. Planner, Mr. P. Mahon, Sen. Engineer, Mr. B. O'Reilly, Sen. Engineer, Ms. K. O'Malley-Harlow, Sen. Ex. Planner, Mr. J. McMyler, Sen. Ex. Planner, Mr. M. Keating, Sen. Ex. Officer, 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.

At the outset of the Meeting, tributes were paid to Senator Paddy Burke who retired as a Member of Mayo County Council with effect from 30th September, 2003. Senator Burke had resigned from the Local Authority due to the ending of the dual mandate.

During the course of the tributes, it was stated that Senator Burke's experience and knowledge will be greatly missed by the Fine Gael Party of which he was a Member. He had been a Member of Mayo County Council for 24 years and had served in that post with distinction.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff, thanked Senator Burke for his courtesy and assistance over the years.

Proposed by Cllr. F. Chambers

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

"That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to the Ladies All-Ireland Senior Champion Football Team on winning the All-Ireland Title and that an appropriate Function be held to honour the Team and that the necessary expenditure is hereby approved".

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. B. Golden

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Frances McAndrew, Mayor, Ballina Town Council, on the sudden death of her Husband, Eamon”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Ms. Josephine Lyons, The Quay, Ballina, on the death of her Father, Tony Lavelle”.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Caffrey

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Kieran Coen, The Quay, Ballina, on the death of his Wife, Dr. Marana McLoughlin”.

Proposed by Cllr.S. Molloy

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Ballina Stephenites on winning the Senior Club County Football Championship”.

Proposed by Cllr. H. Kenny

Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to the group of 9 people from the County who recently climbed Kilimanjaro to raise funds for local charities”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy

Resolved:-

“That Councillor Martin Ward, Mayor, Tuam Town Council, be invited to address the November Meeting of the Council”.

ITEM NO. 1.

MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNIU COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI AR SIUL AR AN 8^u MEAN FOMHAIR, 2003, A DEIMHNIU.

TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER, 2003.

Mhol Comhairleoir P. McHugh

Chuid Comhairleoir P. Kilbane leis

Ghlacu leis an tairiscint:-

“Go n-aontaiomar le Miontuairisci Cruinniu Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhi ar siul ar an 8u Mean Fomhair, 2003”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meeting held on 8th September, 2003, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

ITEM NO. 2.

LANDSLIDES AT PULLATHOMAS, GLENGAD AND BARNACULLEW.

Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, gave a Presentation on the Landslides at Pullathomas, Glengad and Barnacullew which had taken place on 19th September, 2003.

Following the Presentation, the Members of the Council praised the Council Staff and, in particular, Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services for the Belmullet Area in which the Landslides occurred, for the manner in which this emergency was dealt with at the time and since.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Quinn

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That Mayo County Council seek a Meeting between Mr. Charlie McCreevy, T.D., Minister for Finance, Mr. Martin Cullen, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Mr. Eamon O Cuiv, T.D., Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, and a Deputation from Mayo County Council in order to discuss the need for funding resulting from the recent Landslides at Pullathomas, Glengad and Barnacullew, Co. Mayo”.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Quinn

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That Mayo County Council invites An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern, T.D., to visit the scene of the Landslides at Pullathomas, Glengad and Barnacullew, Co. Mayo, when he is in the County on 24th October, 2003”.

ITEM NO. 3.

STRATEGIC RAIL REVIEW.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Report on Strategic Rail Review be noted by the Council”.

The time being 6.20 p.m., it was agreed to adjourn the Meeting for 10 minutes.

The Meeting resumed at 6.30 p.m.

ITEM NO. 4.

TO ARRANGE A DATE FOR THE BUDGET MEETING FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That the Budget Meeting for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 2004, be held on Monday, 12th January, 2004”.

ITEM NO. 5.

TO CONSIDER COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT ON OBSERVATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED IN RELATION TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF DRAFT MAYO COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That a Special Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 20th October, 2003, at 5.00 p.m., to consider County Manager's Report on Observations and Submissions received in relation to proposed amendments of Draft Mayo County Development Plan”.

ITEM NO. 6.

TO CONSIDER DECIDING TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT: CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSION TO EXISTING SHOP AND STORE AND CHANGE USE OF GROUND FLOOR OF ADJOINING TOWN HOUSE TO THAT OF SHOP TOGETHER WITH STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS AND FRONT FAÇADE, CONSTRUCT 4 NO. RETAIL UNITS AT GROUND FLOOR, 2 NO. OFFICE UNITS AND 3 NO. TWO STOREY APARTMENTS FROM FIRST LEVEL TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING AND ALL ANCILLARY SITE WORKS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING ALTERATIONS TO LEVELS OF PORTION TO ADJOINING CAR PARK AT REAR AT BRIDGE ST. (HAZELHILL TOWNLAND), BALLYHAUNIS, CO. MAYO, WHICH WOULD MATERIALLY CONTRAVENE THE BALLYHAUNIS TOWN PLAN 1984.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Seconded by Cllr. R. Finn

Resolved:-

“That the Council hereby decide to grant Permission for the following: Construction of extension to existing shop and store and change use of ground floor of adjoining town house to that of shop together with

structural alterations and front façade, construct 4 No. retail units at ground floor, 2 No. office units and 3 No. two storey apartments from first level together with associated car parking and all ancillary site works and services, including alterations to levels of portion to adjoining car park at rear at Bridge St. (Hazelhill Townland), Ballyhaunis, which materially contravenes the Ballyhaunis Town Plan 1984”.

ITEM NO. 7.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 30th 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 PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT OF KNOCK STREETS.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Carty

Seconded by Cllr. R. Finn

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 30th 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 proposed Refurbishment of Knock Streets”.

ITEM NO. 8.

TO ACCEPT TERMS OF LETTER DATED 6 DEIREADH FOMHAIR, 2003, RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY, RURAL & GAELTACHT AFFAIRS IN RESPECT OF INISHLYRE LANDING FACILITIES INCLUDING ACCESS BRIDGE, PIER, GANGWAY AND PONTOON.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That we hereby accept terms of Letter dated 6 Deireadh Fomhair, 2003, received from the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs in respect of Inishlyre Landing Facilities including Access Bridge, Pier, Gangway and Pontoon and that the appropriate contribution for this Project be paid by the Council”.

ITEM NO. 9.

TO NOTE LETTER DATED 26th SEPTEMBER, 2003, RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY REGARDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PAVEMENT AND MINOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Molloy

Seconded by Cllr. J. Flannery

Resolved:-

“That Letter dated 26th September, 2003, received from the National Roads Authority regarding additional funding for Pavement and Minor Improvement Works in 2003, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 10.

TO CONSIDER INVITATION RECEIVED FROM GMIT, CASTLEBAR, TO HOLD A COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING IN THEIR CENTRE AT WESTPORT ROAD, CASTLEBAR.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke

Resolved:-

“That this Council accept Invitation received from GMIT, Castlebar, to hold a County Council Meeting in their Centre at Westport Road, Castlebar”.

ITEM NO. 11.

TO CONSIDER DRAFT CASUAL TRADING BYE-LAWS FOR CLAREMORRIS TOWN.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. R. Finn

Resolved:-

“That Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws for Claremorris Town, as circulated, be approved for publication”.

ITEM NO. 12.

TO APPROVE WATER SERVICES ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS (2007 – 2012) FOR COUNTY MAYO.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve Water Services Assessment of Needs (2007 – 2012) for County Mayo”.

ITEM NO. 13.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF BELMULLET ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8th JULY, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Belmullet Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 8th July, 2003, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 14.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF SWINFORD ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8th JULY, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Flannery

Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Swinford Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 8th July, 2003, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 15.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONFERENCE – “THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF POPULATION GROWTH ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING” – TO BE HELD IN THE TALBOT HOTEL, WEXFORD, ON 14th AND 15th OCTOBER, 2003.

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. B. Golden and R. Finn be nominated to attend National Conference – “The Social, Political and Economic Impact of Population Growth on Community Development & Planning” – to be held in the Talbot Hotel, Wexford, on 14th and 15th October, 2003”.

ITEM NO. 16.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND SEMINAR – “CLOSING THE GAP : GETTING MORE WOMEN INTO POLITICS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT” – TO BE HELD IN THE LOUGH ALLEN SPA AND HOTEL, DRUMSHANBO, CO. LEITRIM, ON 20th OCTOBER, 2003.

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

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

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. A.M. Reape and J. Mellett be nominated to attend Seminar – “Closing the Gap : Getting more Women into Politics and Local Government” – to be held in the Lough Allen Spa and Hotel, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim, on 20th October, 2003”.

ITEM NO. 17.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “CAN RURAL ENTERPRISE SURVIVE IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY?” – TO BE HELD IN THE WHITE HOUSE HOTEL, BALLINLOUGH, CO. ROSCOMMON, ON 30th OCTOBER, 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 the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. T. Quinn, A.M. Reape, P. Kilbane and J. Mellett be nominated to attend Conference – “Can Rural Enterprise Survive in a Global Economy?” – to be held in the White House Hotel, Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon, on 30th October, 2003”.

ITEM NO. 18.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES 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.

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. F. Leneghan, P. McHugh, J. Maloney, S. Molloy, T. Quinn, A.M. Reape, M. Burke, G. Coyle, J. Cribbin, H. Kenny, P. Kilbane, J. Mannion, J. Mellett, E. Staunton and S. Weir 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”.

Zero Waste Conference – Cork – 30th and 31st October, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. J. Maloney, G. Murray, G. Coyle, J. Cribbin and J. Mannion be nominated to attend Zero Waste Conference to be held in the Silverspings Hotel, Tivoli, Cork, on 30th and 31st October, 2003.

Ceifin Conference 2003 – Ennis, Co. Clare – 5th to 7th November, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Chambers, be nominated to attend Ceifin Conference 2003 – “Global Aspirations and the Reality of Change – How can we do things differently?” – to be held in the West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare, from 5th to 7th November, 2003”.

L.A.M.A. Seminar – Galway – 7th and 8th November, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. B. Golden, J. Maloney, P. Sweeney, G. Coyle and E. Staunton be nominated to attend Local Authority Members’ Association Annual Winter Seminar to be held in the Corrib Great Southern Hotel, Galway, on 7th and 8th November, 2003”.

The County Manager outlined details of an Invitation to the Cathaoirleach which had been received from the Irish Association in Luton, England, to attend a Function in Luton on 18th October, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That we hereby authorise the attendance of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Chambers, at Irish Association Function to be held in Luton, England, on 18th October, 2003, and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved”.

The County Manager also outlined details of an Invitation to the Cathaoirleach which had been received from Stirling Council, Scotland, to attend a Cultural Festival in Stirling from 22nd to 26th October, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That we hereby authorise the attendance of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Chambers, at Cultural Festival to be held in Stirling, Scotland, from 22nd to 26th October, 2003, and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved”.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan

Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Connolly family, Davros, Hollymount, on the death of Patrick Connolly”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Kieran Coen & family, The Lane, The Quay, Ballina, on the death of his Wife, Dr. Marana McLoughlin”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Sean Campbell & family, Convent Hill Estate, Ballina, on the death of his Wife, Alice”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Frances McAndrew, “Westwinds”, Bohernasup, Ballina, on the death of her Husband, Eamon (Snr.)”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. M. Ring

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Vincent Bourke & family and the Durcan family, Streamstown, Westport, on the death of Mrs. Maureen Durcan”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. J. Flannery

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Salmon families, Derryronane, Swinford, on the death of John Salmon”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. J. Flannery

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Durkan family, Lisbaun, Meelick, Swinford, on the death of Luke Durkan”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney

Seconded by Cllr. J. Carty

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Ms. Josephine Lyons, “Iceford”, The Quay, Ballina, on the death of her Father, Tony Lavelle”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney

Seconded by Cllr. J. Carty

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Ms. Margaret O’Malley, Roonagh, Louisburgh, on the death of her Mother, Mrs. Katie O’Malley”.

Proposed by Cllr. H. Kenny

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mee

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. John Sammon, Cashel, Glenisland, Castlebar, on the death of Mrs. Mary Sammon”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mannion

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Anne Walsh & family, Annfield, Hollymount, on the death of her Husband, John”.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Caffrey

Seconded by Cllr. S. Weir

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Coen and McLoughlin families, Ballina, on the death of Dr. Marana McLoughlin”.

The Meeting concluded at 7.45 p.m.