

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

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

The other Councillors present were:-

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

Apologies received from Cllrs. M. Adams, J. Carty, T.D. and B. Golden for inability to attend the Meeting.

The Council Staff in attendance were:-

Mr. D. Mahon, Co. Manager, Mr. M. Mongan, A/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, Ms. K. O'Malley-Harlow, Sen. Ex. Planner, Mr. A. de Lucia, A/Sen. Ex. Planner, Mr. T. Reidy, A/Sen. Engineer, Mr. P. Commons, Sen. Ex. Officer, Mr. P. Flanagan, Sen. Ex. Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

Proposed by Cllr. F. Chambers

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to all the Towns and Villages in County Mayo who won various categories in the National Tidy Towns Competition”.

ITEM NO. 1.

MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNITHE COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI AR SIUL AR AN 4^u IUIL, 7^u IUIL, 14^u IUIL, 15^u IUIL AGUS 28^u IUIL, 2003, A DEIMHNIU.

TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 4th JULY, 7th JULY, 14th JULY, 15th JULY AND 28th JULY, 2003.

Mhol Comhairleoir P. McHugh

Chuid Comhairleoir J. Flannery leis

Ghlacu leis an tairiscint:-

“Go n-aontaíomar le Miontuairisci Cruinnithe Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhi ar siul ar an 4^u luil, 7^u luil, 14^u luil, 15^u luil agus 28^u luil, 2003”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. J. Flannery

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meetings held on 4th July, 7th July, 14th July, 15th July and 28th July, 2003, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

Referring to Minute No. 422/03 of 28th July, 2003, Cllr. P. Kilbane said that he presumed that the second Meeting of the Council, dealing with Planning, would still be going ahead.

The County Manager replied and informed the Members that a List of Planning applications would now be considered by the Council at Area Committee Meeting level and that a Senior Planning Official would be present at each Meeting.

Following discussion, it was agreed by the Council to consider a List of Planning applications at Area Committee Meetings on a trial basis.

ITEM NO. 2.

TO CONSIDER DECIDING TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT: CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAIL WAREHOUSE COMPRISING 6 NO. GROUND FLOOR UNITS OF VARYING AREAS, FIRST FLOOR OFFICES AND MEZZANINE INCLUDING ASSOCIATED TOILET FACILITIES, TOGETHER WITH NEW ACCESS ROAD, ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS, CAR PARKING, CONNECTION TO EXISTING SERVICES AND EXISTING SUPERMARKET CAR PARK AT CHAPEL LANE, CLAREMORRIS, CO. MAYO, WHICH WOULD MATERIALLY CONTRAVENE THE CLAREMORRIS TOWN PLAN 1995.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. R. Finn

Resolved:-

“That the Council hereby decide to grant Permission for the following: Construction of a retail warehouse comprising 6 No. ground floor units of varying areas, first floor offices and mezzanine including associated toilet facilities, together with new access road, associated site works, car parking, connection to existing services and existing supermarket car park at Chapel Lane, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, which materially contravenes the Claremorris Town Plan 1995”.

ITEM NO. 3.

REGIONAL STRATEGY AND REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDELINES.

Report on Regional Strategy and Regional Planning Guidelines, as circulated from the West Regional Authority, was noted by the Council.

ITEM NO. 4.

UP TO DATE REPORT ON GLANCRE TEORANTA.

The County Manager updated the Members on the Glancra Teoranta issue.

Following a lengthy and detailed discussion on this matter, the County Manager said that the Council will constantly monitor this Plan and report back to the Council.

ITEM NO. 5.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 1st AUGUST, 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 INISHGORT SLIPWAY DEVELOPMENT.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Ring

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 1st August, 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 Inishgort Slipway Development”.

ITEM NO. 6.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 1st AUGUST, 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 INISHLYRE PIER DEVELOPMENT.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Ring

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 1st August, 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 Inishlyre Pier Development”.

ITEM NO. 7.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 2nd 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 GWEESALIA SEWERAGE SCHEME.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

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

ITEM NO. 8.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 2nd 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 CONSTRUCTION OF A RESERVOIR AT GORTNADREHY, KNOCKMORE, BALLINA.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Weir

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 2nd 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 construction of a Reservoir at Gortnadrehy, Knockmore, Ballina”.

ITEM NO. 9.

TO APPROVE OF THE RAISING OF A LOAN OF €350,000 IN RESPECT OF EMERGENCY CONSERVATION WORK TO CLAREMORRIS LIBRARY.

Proposed by Cllr. R. Finn

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the raising of a Loan of €350,000 in respect of emergency Conservation Work to Claremorris Library”.

ITEM NO. 10.

TO ACCEPT INVITATION RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF CLEVELAND, MS. JANE L. CAMPBELL, TO VISIT CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Chambers, Cllrs. F. Leneghan and P. Kilbane be nominated to visit Cleveland, Ohio, and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved”.

Details were also given of an Invitation received to attend the Launch of the Admiral Browne Commemorative Stamp in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Chambers, be nominated to attend the launch of the Admiral Browne Commemorative Stamp in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved”.

ITEM NO. 11.

(a) TO NOTE WATER SERVICES INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2003 – 2005.

(b) DRAFT WATER SERVICES – ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS (2007 – 2012).

**(a) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane
Resolved:-
“That Water Services Investment Programme 2003 – 2005 be noted by the Council”.**

**(b) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane
Resolved:-
“That Draft Water Services – Assessment of Needs (2007 – 2012) be noted by the Council”.**

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”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-
“That Dr. Ken Irvine, Trinity College, Dublin, be invited to address a Meeting of the Council”.**

ITEM NO. 12.

TO NOTE 2003 RE-ALLOCATIONS FOR EU CO-FINANCED SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, REGIONAL ROAD SIGNPOSTING DESIGN GRANTS AND CLASS III ROAD GRANTS.

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Burke
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell
Resolved:-
“That 2003 Re-Allocations for EU Co-Financed Specific Improvement Grants, Regional Road Signposting Design Grants and Class III Road Grants, be noted by the Council”.**

ITEM NO. 13.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF SWINFORD ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 7th MAY, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett
Seconded by Cllr. J. Flannery

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Swinford Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 7th May, 2003, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 14.
TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND
CONFERENCE – “POSITIVE PLANNING FOR HOUSES IN THE OPEN
COUNTRYSIDE AND FOR VIBRANT RURAL COMMUNITIES” – TO BE HELD
IN THE CAHERCIVEEN PARK HOTEL, CAHERCIVEEN, CO. KERRY, ON 3rd
AND 4th OCTOBER, 2003.

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

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell
Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. P. McHugh, A.M. Reape, G. Coyle and H. Kenny be nominated to attend Conference – “Positive Planning for Houses in the Open Countryside and for vibrant Rural Communities” – to be held in the Caherciveen Park Hotel, Caherciveen, Co. Kerry, on 3rd and 4th October, 2003”.

ITEM NO. 15.
TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND LA TOUCHE
LEGACY SEMINAR – “THE FUTURE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN
THE PROMOTION OF ARTS & CULTURE” – TO BE HELD IN LA TOUCHE
HOTEL, GREYSTONES, CO. WICKLOW, FROM 3rd TO 5th OCTOBER, 2003.

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

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell
Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. J. Carty, T.D., F. Leneghan, P. McHugh, J. Maloney, S. Molloy, P. Sweeney, R. Finn, E. Caffrey, P. Kilbane, J. Mellett, M. Ring, T.D., E. Staunton and S. Weir be nominated to attend La Touche Legacy Seminar – “The Future Role of Local Authorities in the Promotion of Arts & Culture” – to be held in La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, from 3rd to 5th October, 2003”.

ITEM NO. 16.
TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND
CONFERENCE – “TRANSPORTATION POLICY IN IRELAND – THE
CHALLENGES” – TO BE HELD IN THE BRANDON HOTEL, TRALEE, CO.
KERRY, ON 17th OCTOBER, 2003.

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

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. E. Caffrey, G. Coyle and S. Weir be nominated to attend Conference – “Transportation in Ireland – The Challenges” – to be held in the Brandon Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry, on 17th October, 2003”.

Dr. Edward de Bono Seminar – Castlebar – 11th September, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Murray

Seconded by Cllr. M. Ring

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. J. Mellett be nominated to attend Dr. Edward de Bono Seminar to be held in the T.F. Royal Hotel and Theatre, Castlebar, on 11th September, 2003”.

Conference – University College, Cork – 18th to 20th September, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle

Seconded by Cllr. M. Ring

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. P. Kilbane be nominated to attend Conference – “Strengthening Democracy” – to be held in University College, Cork, from 18th to 20th September, 2003”.

Conference – Mallow, Co. Cork – 25th to 27th September, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. P. Kilbane, P. McHugh and J. Maloney be nominated to attend Conference – “Partnership : The Critical Factor or Just Empty Talk?” – to be held in the Hibernian Hotel, Mallow, Co. Cork, from 25th to 27th September, 2003”.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Patrick Leamy, Bunowen, Louisburgh, on the death of his Wife, Evelyn”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Sean O’Malley, The Quay, Westport, on the death of his Wife, Mary”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Aileen Large, Furmoyle, Louisburgh, on the death of her Husband, Frank”.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Haire family, Gortacurra, Cross, on the death of Kathleen Haire”.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Deasy family, Lisloughrey, Cong, on the death of Christy Deasy”.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Campbell family, Cong, Co. Mayo, on the death of Peadar Campbell”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Seamus Gaughan, Knockmore, Ballina, on the death of his Sister & Brother”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Annie Langan, Castletown, Corballa P.O., Co. Sligo, on the death of her Father”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Michael Kelly, Ardvalley, Ballina, on the death of his Brother-in-Law, M. Cooney”.

The Meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.