

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 28th
APRIL, 2003, AT 4.00 p.m.**

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

The other Councillors present were:-

Cllrs. B. Golden, S. Molloy, A.M. Reape, 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. Mee, 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.

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. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, Mr. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. P. Benson, A/Dir. of Services, Mr. I. Douglas, Sen. Planner, Mr. J. McMyler, A/Sen. Ex. Planner, Mr. J. Moran, Sen. Staff Officer, Ms. N. Coyne, Asst. Staff Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer, Ms. A.M. Brett, Asst. Staff Officer.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That “Standing Orders” be suspended in order to allow Captain Brendan Conwell, FCA, to address the Meeting”.

Captain Conwell, in his Address, referred to the restructuring proposals which are to take place at the Military Barracks in Castlebar which would involve the reduction of FCA volunteer levels in the County by over 50%. He said the planned volunteer reductions were part of a policy to centralise the Defence Forces throughout the County. It was intended to transfer most of the Castlebar Squadron to Galway while other FCA Branches around the County would be also severely affected by the cutbacks.

A number of Councillors spoke in favour of retaining the FCA volunteer numbers in the Military Barracks, Castlebar.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. P. McHugh and P. Kilbane thanked Captain Conwell for his Presentation.

Cllr. J. Mee raised the issue of 85 members of Staff at the Department of Agriculture in Davitt House, Castlebar, who have been on strike for the past four weeks in a row over job promotions.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. M. Ring

Resolved:-

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Agriculture and Food, Mr. Joe Walsh, T.D., to immediately intervene in order to resolve the dispute between his Department and members of the C.P.S.U. employed at Davitt House, Castlebar”.

A number of Councillors expressed their support for the Staff members from the Department of Agriculture in Davitt House.

The Cathaoirleach referred to the strict new Boat Safety Regulations for fishing competitions which are being introduced by the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources. He said if such Regulations were introduced, it would mean that Belmullet Sea Angling Club will have to withdraw from hosting the prestigious 2003 All-Ireland Master Championships.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke

Resolved:-

“That Mayo County Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Mr. Dermot Ahern, T.D., to receive a Deputation from this Council with a view to discussing the suspension or deferring of the new Regulations relating to Boat Safety for the current year”

ITEM NO. 1.

TO CONSIDER LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 22nd APRIL, 2003.

- 1. Martin McManamon – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse, garage, septic tank, proprietary treatment unit and percolation systems together with access road at Knockmanus, Newport.**

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

- 2. Seamus Anthony Walshe – Application for Planning Permission to retain, renovate and construct extension to rear of existing derelict house and provide puraflo treatment system at Derreens, Achill.**

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

- 3. Kevin English – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse as part of an extension to an existing house that is to be refurbished and for connections to public services at Slievemore Td., Dooagh, Achill.**

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

4. Terence McShane – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse, garage and septic tank at Firestown, Knockmore.

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

5. Anthony Cullen – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Ballyneety, Ballina.

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

6. Peter & Brenda McParland – Application for Planning Permission to construct extension to and to retain minor alteration to existing garage at Carrowkeeran, Murrisk.

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

7. Padraig Frazer – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank on enlarged site area at Roonkeel, Killadoon.

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

8. Rita Hamilton – Application for Planning Permission to restore/ rebuild existing thatched cottage which is now derelict and in ruins and provide a septic tank unit and percolation area at Lettereeragh, Leenane.

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

ITEM NO. 2.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 28th MARCH, 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 ERECTION OF 2 NO. DWELLING HOUSES AT LOUGH MASK ROAD, BALLINROBE.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Burke
Seconded by Cllr. J. Mannion
Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 28th March, 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 erection of 2 No. dwelling houses at Lough Mask Road, Ballinrobe”.

ITEM NO. 3.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 17th APRIL, 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 DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED INISHTURK WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney

Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 17th April, 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 development of proposed Inishturk Water Supply Scheme”.

ITEM NO. 4.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 17th APRIL, 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 DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED ACHILL ISLAND SEWERAGE SCHEME.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 17th April, 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 development of proposed Achill Island Sewerage Scheme”.

ITEM NO. 5.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AT 43, MICHAEL DAVITT PARK, WESTPORT, TO MONA PURCELL, c/o KILLARY LODGE, LEENANE, CO. MAYO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 183 NOTICE DATED 8th APRIL, 2003, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams

Seconded by Cllrs. S. Bourke

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of House at 43, Michael Davitt Park, Westport, to Mona Purcell, c/o Killary Lodge, Leenane, Co. Mayo, for €131,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 8th April, 2003, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 6.

TO CONSIDER REPORT ON IMPLICATIONS OF AMENDMENT OF PART V OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000.

A discussion took place in relation to Senior Planner's Report dated 22nd

April, 2003, on the implications of the amendment of Part V of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 2000.

During the discussion, the Members of the Council expressed their views on various aspects of Part V.

It was suggested that the matter would be reviewed in six months time.

ITEM NO. 7.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF SWINFORD ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Swinford Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 14th January, 2003, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 8.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF BALLINA ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. E. Staunton

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Ballina Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 14th January, 2003, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 9.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF BELMULLET ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Belmullet Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 11th February, 2003, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 10.
TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CHIEF FIRE
OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2003 – “PROTECTING
THE COMMUNITY – THE CHALLENGE FOR FIRE SERVICE MANAGEMENT”
– TO BE HELD IN HOTEL WESTPORT, WESTPORT, CO. MAYO, ON 7th AND
8th MAY, 2003.

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

ITEM NO. 11.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE 2003 – “HOUSING IN AN ERA OF CHANGE” – TO BE HELD IN THE CONCERT HALL, UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK AND CASTLETROY PARK HOTEL, LIMERICK, FROM 14th TO 16th MAY, 2003.

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

ITEM NO. 12.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “REVIEWING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ENTERPRISE AND JOB CREATION” – TO BE HELD IN THE HIBERNIAN HOTEL, MALLOW, CO. CORK, ON 16th AND 17th MAY, 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. B. Golden, P. McHugh, R. Finn, M. Burke, J. Flannery, H. Kenny, M. Ring, T.D., and S. Weir be nominated to attend Conference – “Reviewing Public Support for Enterprise and Job Creation” – to be held in the Hibernian Hotel, Mallow, Co. Cork, on 16th and 17th May, 2003”.

ITEM NO. 13.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “THE FUTURE OF REGIONAL & COHESION POLICY IN AN ENLARGED EUROPE : THE IMPLICATIONS FOR IRELAND” – TO BE HELD IN HOTEL KILKENNY, KILKENNY, ON 23rd AND 24th MAY, 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. S. Molloy, D. Ryan, R. Finn, M. Burke, J. Flannery, H. Kenny and S. Weir be nominated to attend Conference – “The Future of Regional & Cohesion Policy in an Enlarged Europe : The Implications for Ireland” – to be held in Hotel Kilkenny, Kilkenny, on 23rd and 24th May, 2003”.

ITEM NO. 14.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE – “HOW FEMALE POLITICAL REPRESENTATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO PEACE, POLITICS AND PROSPERITY” – TO BE HELD IN THE NEWPARK HOTEL, KILKENNY, ON 29th MAY, 2003.

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

ITEM NO. 15.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE GOLF HOTEL, BALLYBUNION, CO. KERRY, FROM 29th TO 31st MAY, 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. S. Molloy, A.M. Reape and D. Ryan be nominated to attend Environmental Recognition Conference to be held in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry, from 29th to 31st May, 2003”.

Environmental Conference – Carrigaline, Co. Cork – 1st and 2nd May, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. S. Bourke, Patk. Burke, G. Coyle and M. Ring, T.D., be nominated to attend Environmental Conference – “Tackling Pollution of Inland & Coastal Waters” – to be held in the Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Co. Cork, on 1st and 2nd May, 2003”.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS.

Proposed by Cllr. H. Kenny

Seconded by Cllr. J. Carty

Resolved:0

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to St. Gerald’s College, Castlebar, on winning the All-Ireland Colleges Senior “B” Football Final”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Henry Kelly, Ballinatsleva, Clogher, Westport, and Shane McNicholas, Ballycroy, of St. Anne’s Boxing Club, Westport, on winning All-Ireland Boxing Titles in their respective classes in Dublin recently”.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

**Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney
Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan
Resolved:-**

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Mary Cannon, Cluan Ard, Westport, on the death of her Father, Pat Jennings, a former Employee of Mayo County Council”.

**Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney
Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan
Resolved:-**

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Seamus O’Donnell, Glospatrick, Murrisk, Westport, on the death of his Brother, Michael J., a former Employee of Mayo County Council”.

The Meeting concluded at 7.30 p.m.