

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 27th
JANUARY, 2003, AT 2.00 p.m.**

The Leas Chathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Burke, was in the Chair.

The other Councillors present were:-

Cllrs. E. Caffrey, B. Golden, S. Molloy, A.M. Reape, E. Staunton, S. Weir, J. Mannion, D. Ryan, G. Coyle, P. Kilbane, F. Leneghan, T. Quinn, S. Bourke, Patk. Burke, H. Kenny, 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. T. Mullen, Head of Finance, Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, Mr. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, Mr. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. B. O'Reilly, Sen. Engineer, Ms. E. McCormack, Financial Accountant, Mr. J. McMyler, A/Sen. Ex. Planner, Mr. P. Commons, Sen. Ex. Officer, Mr. J. Moran, Sen. Staff Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, A/Staff Officer.

ITEM NO. 1.

TO CONSIDER LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 21st JANUARY, 2003.

1. **P. & M. Gavin – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse, septic tank and garage/shed at Moyne, Headford, Co. Galway.**

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

2. **Pat Broghan – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse, effluent treatment unit and percolation areas at Elmhall, Belcarra, Castlebar.**

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

3. **Andrew Wijnen – Application for Planning Permission to construct a single storey extension to side of existing dwellinghouse at Barnastang, Glenisland.**

The Council were informed that this Planning application had been withdrawn.

4. **Tom Treacy – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Killavally, Westport.**

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

5. **Terence Heaney – Application for Outline Planning Permission to construct 2 No. dwellinghouses and garages with septic tanks and percolation areas at Coolmacken, Claremorris.**

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

6. **Michael Conroy – Application for Outline Planning Permission to construct 3 No. dwellings and garages with septic tanks and percolation areas at Coolmacken, Claremorris.**

The Council were informed that this Planning application had been withdrawn.

7. **Michael Holmes – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Tristia, Gweesalia, Ballina.**

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

8. **Michael Nevin – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse, garage, septic tank and percolation area at Tierna, Newfield, Mulranny.**

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

9. **Annette & Patrick Lally – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse, garage, septic tank and percolation area at Mullaghroe, Clogher, Belmullet.**

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

10. **Robert Finnerty – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Ballynaraha, Ballina.**

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

11. Maureen Breslin – Application for Outline Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Carrowsteelagh, Carrowmore Lacken, Ballina.

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

12. Colette Ni Shiarcais – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Creevagh, Rathlacken, Ballina.

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

13. Brendan Ruttledge – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Deelcastle, Ballina.

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

14. Brendan Ruttledge – Application for Outline Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Deelcastle, Ballina.

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

15. Noel O'Donnell – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Behybeg, Ballina.

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

16. Joe Loftus – Applciation for Planning Permission to construct 34 No. semi-detached dwellinghouses, new access road, effluent pumping station and connection to public utilities together with all ancillary site works at Lowpark, Charlestown.

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

The time being 2.55 p.m., the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. T. Quinn, took the Chair.

17. Martin Davey – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Cloonfaulus, Kilmovee.

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

18. Marie Solan – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and proprietary unit and percolation area at Shanvally, Kiltimagh.

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

19. Michael Gibbons – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and septic tank at Mucklagh, Carrowholly, Westport.

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

21. Kevin Collins – Application for Planning Permission to construct dwellinghouse and effluent treatment unit at Furghill, Kilsallagh, Westport.

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

22. David Gibbons, Snr. – Application for Planning Permission to construct 3 No. dwellinghouses (2 with septic tanks, 1 with a proprietary effluent treatment unit) and garages at Killadoon, Louisburgh.

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

ITEM NO. 2.

ETHICS FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Mr. J. Condon informed the Members that the Annual Declaration Forms which had been issued to them as required by the Ethics Framework for Local Authorities contained in the Local Government Act, 2001, which commenced on the 1st January, 2002, had to be completed and returned by 28th February, 2003.

He also reminded the Elected Members that the Annual Return in respect of Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure Act) 1999, had to be completed and returned by 31st January, 2003, and that there were serious consequences for not making either Declaration.

ITEM NO. 3.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS ANNUAL SEMINAR 2003 – “PLANNING AFTER THE CELTIC TIGER – THE NATIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY AND ITS IMPACT ON RURAL AND URBAN IRELAND” – TO BE HELD IN THE ABBEY COURT HOTEL, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY, ON 7th AND 8th FEBRUARY, 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 the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. M. Adams, S. Bourke, J. Carty, T.D., B. Golden, P. McHugh, G. Murray, A.M. Reape, D. Ryan, P. Sweeney, R. Finn, Patk. Burke, H. Kenny, P. Kilbane, E. Staunton and S. Weir be nominated to attend General Council of County Councils Annual Seminar 2003 – “Planning after the Celtic Tiger – The National Spatial Strategy and its impact on Rural and Urban Ireland” – to be held in the Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, on 7th and 8th February, 2003”.

ITEM NO. 4.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “ONE-OFF RURAL HOUSING – IS THERE AN ALTERNATIVE?” - TO BE HELD IN THE ABBEY COURT HOTEL, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY, ON 20th AND 21st FEBRUARY, 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. M. Adams, S. Bourke, B. Golden, G. Murray, A.M. Reape, D. Ryan, P. Sweeney, R. Finn, E. Caffrey, H. Kenny and S. Weir be nominated to attend Conference – “One-Off Rural Housing – Is there an Alternataive?” – to be held in the Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, on 20th and 21st February, 2003”.

ITEM NO. 5.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL CONFERENCE – “ECONOMIC PROSPECTS FOR IRELAND POST CELTIC TIGER” – TO BE HELD IN THE COLMCILLE HERITAGE CENTRE, GARTAN, CHURCHILL, LETTERKENNY, CO. DONEGAL, FROM 28th FEBRUARY TO 2nd MARCH, 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. M. Adams, S. Bourke, J. Carty, T.D., F. Leneghan, P. McHugh S. Molloy, D. Ryan, P. Sweeney, R. Finn, Patk. Burke, E. Caffrey, H. Kenny and S. Weir be nominated to attend Colmcille Winter School Conference – “Economic Prospects for Ireland Post Celtic Tiger” – to be held in the Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, from 28th February to 2nd March, 2003”.

Conference – Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath – 3rd February, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mannion

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. G. Murray be nominated to attend Conference – “Avoiding the new Digital Divide – Bringing Telecommunications Infrastructure to Rural Communities” – to be held in the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, on 3rd February, 2003”.

Conference – Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow – 27th and 28th February, 2003.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mannion

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. G. Murray be nominated to attend Conference – “Tourism – A Community Approach” – to be held in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow, on 27th and 28th February, 2003”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That this Council write to the Irish Rugby Football Union protesting against the proposed exclusion of Connaught from future plans for professional Rugby”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mellett

Resolved:-

“That this Council write to An Post in support of the campaign to retain door to door postal deliveries in rural areas”.

The Cathaoirleach informed the Members that a Meeting of the Joint Committee of the Oireachtas on European Affairs was to take place in Castlebar on Friday, 31st January, 2003, to which two Members of the Council were invited to attend.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS.

Proposed by Cllr. B. Golden

Seconded by Cllr. E. Staunton

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Killala Precision on winning the All-Ireland Inter Firms Junior Football Championship”.

The Meeting concluded at 3.20 p.m.