

MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 2005, AT 4.00 p.m.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. H. Kenny, was in the Chair.

The other Councillors present were:-

Cllrs. M. Mulherin, J. Munnely, Johnnie O'Malley, A.M. Reape, E. Staunton, S. Weir, P. O'Brien, D. Ryan, H. Walsh, G. Coyle, M. Holmes, M. McNamara, T. Quinn, S. Bourke, C. Burke, A. McDonnell, M. Carty, T. Connolly, J. Cribbin, P. McHugh, E. Lavin, J. Maloney, J. Mellett, G. Murray, M. Adams, F. Chambers, A.F. O'Malley, John O'Malley.

Apologies received from Cllrs. P. McGuinness and J. Mee for inability to attend the Meeting.

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. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. P. Duggan, Head of Finance, Ms. T. McGee, Financial Accountant, Mr. M. Keating, Sen. Ex. Officer, Mr. P. Benson, Sen. Ex. Officer, Mr. P. Brogan, Sen. Staff Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

Proposed by Cllr. C. Burke

Seconded by Cllr. T. Connolly

Resolved:-

“That Best Wishes be extended to Councillor Johnny Mee for a speedy recovery from his recent surgery”.

ITEM NO. 1.

MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNITHE COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI AR SIUL AR AN 5^u MEAN FOMHAIR AGUS 12^u MEAN FOMHAIR, 2005, A DEIMHNIU.

TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER AND 12th SEPTEMBER, 2005.

Mhol Comhairleoir J. Mellett

Chuid Comhairleoir P. McHugh leis

Ghlacu leis an tairiscint:-

“Go n-aontaíomar le Miontuairisci Cruinnithe Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhi ar siul ar an 5^u Mean Fomhair agus 12^u Mean Fomhair, 2005”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meetings held on 5th September and 12th September, 2005, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mellett

Resolved:-

“That “Standing Orders” be suspended in order to discuss the prohibition on the use of tractors and trailers in small road projects”.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was -

Proposed by Cllr. A.F. O'Malley

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That Mayo County Council requests the Minister for Transport to issue a derogation to Mayo County Council from current legislation to enable the Council to use tractors and trailers on small Road projects”.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke

Resolved:-

“That this Council requests the Minister for Transport to receive a Deputation in order to discuss this matter in detail and that the Deputation would consist of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. H. Kenny, Cllrs. A. McDonnell, J. Maloney and A.F. O'Malley”.

ITEM NO. 2.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 22nd AUGUST, 2005, 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 CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE RURAL HOUSE AT CULLANE, SWINFORD, CO. MAYO.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 22nd August, 2005, 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 construction of a single rural house at Cullane, Swinford, Co. Mayo”.

ITEM NO. 3.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 31st AUGUST, 2005, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED 10 HOUSE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY CENTRE AT BINGHAMSTOWN, CO. MAYO.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle

Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 31st August, 2005, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of proposed 10 House Development and Community Centre at Binghamstown, Co. Mayo”.

ITEM NO. 4.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 23rd SEPTEMBER, 2005, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:-

- (a) **CONSTRUCT DWELLINGHOUSE, SEPTIC TANK, TREATMENT UNIT AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT BARROSKEY, GLENAMOY, BALLINA, CO. MAYO;**
- (b) **CONSTRUCT DWELLINGHOUSE, SEPTIC TANK, TREATMENT UNIT AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT DOOEGA, ACHILL, CO. MAYO;**
- (c) **CONSTRUCT DWELLINGHOUSE AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT DOOKINELLA, ACHILL, CO. MAYO**

Proposed by Cllr. M. Holmes

Seconded by Cllr. G. Coyle

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 23rd September, 2005, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of the following developments:-

- (a) Construct dwellinghouse, septic tank, treatment unit and ancillary works at Barroskey, Glenamoy, Ballina, Co. Mayo;
- (b) Construct dwellinghouse, septic tank, treatment unit and ancillary works at Dooega, Achill, Co. Mayo;
- (c) Construct dwellinghouse and ancillary works at Dookinella, Achill, Co. Mayo”.

ITEM NO. 5.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 27th SEPTEMBER, 2005, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED EXTENSION TO WESTPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 27th September, 2005, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of proposed Extension to Westport Industrial Park”.

ITEM NO. 6.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 27th SEPTEMBER, 2005, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SIX NO. DWELLINGS TOGETHER WITH ALL ASSOCIATED WORKS, SERVICES, LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT TOORAREE, BALLYHAUNIS.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Seconded by Cllr. M. Carty

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 27th September, 2005, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of proposed Construction of Six No. Dwellings together with all associated works, services, landscaping and improvement works at Tooraree, Ballyhaunis”.

ITEM NO. 7.

TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO THE CATHAOIRELACH FROM THE MUNICIPALIDAD DE ALMIRANTE BROWN ARMADA ARGENTINA AND INSTITUTO NACIONAL BROWNIANO TO VISIT ARGENTINA IN NOVEMBER, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That we hereby accept Invitation to the Cathaoirleach from the Municipalidad De Almirante Brown Armada Argentina and Instituto Nacional Browniano to visit Argentina in November, 2005, and that the necessary expenditure be hereby approved”.

The County Manager informed the Members of an Invitation to the Cathaoirleach from the Mayo Association of Philadelphia to attend a Function in Philadelphia on the 5th November, 2005, in celebration of their centennial year.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That we hereby accept Invitation to the Cathaoirleach from the Mayo Association of Philadelphia to attend a Function in Philadelphia on 5th November, 2005, and that the necessary expenditure be hereby approved”.

ITEM NO. 8.
TO CONSIDER REQUEST RECEIVED FROM THE MAYO WORLD WAR PEACE PARK PROJECT TO ADDRESS A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-

“That the Council receive a Deputation from the Mayo World War Peace Park Project at Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 14th November, 2005”

ITEM NO. 9.
TO ADOPT POLICY IN RELATION TO THE NAMING OF NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Cribbin
Seconded by Cllr. E. Staunton

“That we hereby adopt Policy in relation to the naming of New Housing Developments as recommended by Housing Strategic Policy Committee”.

Cllr. M. Mulherin stated that the Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee had an alternative proposal which would mean that all new Housing Estates would be named in Irish only.

Following a detailed discussion on this matter, it was agreed to defer the Item to the November Meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 10.
TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE DISABLED PERSONS GRANT AND ESSENTIAL REPAIRS GRANT SCHEMES AS RECOMMENDED BY HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt amendments to the Disabled Persons Grant and Essential Repairs Grant Schemes as recommended by Housing Strategic Policy Committee”.

ITEM NO. 11.
TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 3 BEDROOMED SEMI-DETACHED 2 STOREY DWELLING HOUSE AT NO. 17, TOWER VIEW, MEELICK, SWINFORD, CO. MAYO, TO FRANK & MARIA DUFFY, NO. 17, TOWER VIEW, MEELICK, SWINFORD, CO. MAYO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2005, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Lavin
Seconded by Cllr. J. Mellett

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 3 Bedroomed semi-detached 2 storey dwelling house at No. 17, Tower View, Meelick, Swinford, Co. Mayo, to Frank & Maria Duffy, No. 17, Tower View, Meelick, Swinford, Co. Mayo, for €34,822.01, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 22nd September, 2005, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 12.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF APPROXIMATELY 0.27 HECTARES OF LAND AT CASTLEBAR STREET, NEWPORT, TO MR. THOMAS JOYCE, ROSBEG, WESTPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 28th SEPTEMBER, 2005, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. F. Chambers
Seconded by Cllr. John O'Malley

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of approximately 0.27 Hectares of Land at Castlebar Street, Newport, to Mr. Thomas Joyce, Rosbeg, Westport, for €725,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 28th September, 2005, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 13.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 0.024 HECTARES OF LAND AT GEORGES STREET, NEWPORT, TO FRANK AND PHILOMENA CHAMBERS, MAIN STREET, NEWPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 29th SEPTEMBER, 2005, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Cllr. F. Chambers declared an interest in this Item and withdrew from the Chamber.

The County Manager outlined the background to this Item.

Proposed by Cllr. John O'Malley
Seconded by Cllr. M. Holmes

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.024 Hectares of Land at Georges Street, Newport, to Frank and Philomena Chambers, Main Street, Newport, for €5.00, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 29th September, 2005, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 14.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13th JUNE, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. A.F. O'Malley

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Water Supply and Sewerage Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 13th June, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 15.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF THE LOCAL COUNTY RURAL WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15th JUNE, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien

Seconded by Cllr. A.F. O'Malley

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of the Local County Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 15th June, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 16.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF CLAREMORRIS ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5th JULY, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Claremorris Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 5th July, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 17.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF SWINFORD ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20th JULY, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Lavin

Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Swinford Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 20th July, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 18.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF CASTLEBAR ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25th JULY, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. C. Burke

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Castlebar Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 25th July, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 19.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND OMAR KHAN SEMINAR – “TIMELESS LEADERSHIP” – TO BE HELD IN THE T.F. ROYAL HOTEL & THEATRE, CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO, ON 19th OCTOBER, 2005.

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

Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly

Seconded by Cllr. P. O’Brien

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. G. Murray be nominated to attend Omar Khan Seminar – “Timeless Leadership” – to be held in the T.F. Royal Hotel & Theatre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, on 19th October, 2005”.

ITEM NO. 20.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL WINTER SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN THE MOUNT ERRIGAL HOTEL, LETTERKENNY, CO. DONEGAL, ON 4th AND 5th NOVEMBER, 2005.

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

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. M. Adams, S. Bourke, M. Carty, T. Connolly, J. Cribbin, J. Maloney, A. McDonnell, J. Mellett, G. Murray, P. O’Brien, A.F. O’Malley, Johnnie O’Malley, A.M. Reape and E. Staunton be nominated to attend Local Authority Members Association Annual Winter Seminar to be held in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, on 4th and 5th November, 2005”.

ITEM NO. 21.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND COMMUNITY SAFETY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE FAIRWAYS HOTEL, DUNDALK, CO. LOUTH, FROM 10th TO 12th NOVEMBER, 2005.

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

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh**

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. M. Adams, S. Bourke, G. Coyle, J. Maloney, A. McDonnell, P. McHugh, J. Mellett, G. Murray, John O’Malley, Johnnie O’Malley, A.M. Reape, D. Ryan and H. Walsh be nominated to attend Community Safety Conference to be held in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth, from 10th to 12th November, 2005”.

Workshop – Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny – 14th October, 2005.

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett
Seconded by Cllr. C. Burke**

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach and the Leas Chathaoirleach be nominated to attend General Council of County Councils Workshop for Mayors and Chairs (and their Deputies) of Ireland’s City and County Councils to be held in the Mount Juliet Country Club, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, on 14th October, 2005”.

Conference – Tullow, Co. Carlow – 21st October, 2005.

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh**

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. G. Coyle, M. Holmes, J. Maloney and T. Quinn be nominated to attend Conference – “Reform of Local Government Financing : Value For Money And Effectiveness” – to be held in the Mount Wolseley Hilton Hotel, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on 21st October, 2005”.

Pride of Place Awards – Belfast, Co. Antrim – 26th October, 2005.

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett
Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin**

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach be nominated to attend Co-Operation Ireland Pride of Place Awards to be held in the City Hall, Belfast, Co. Antrim, on 26th October, 2005”.

Conference – Bundoran, Co. Donegal – 27th October, 2005.

**Proposed by Cllr. E. Lavin
Seconded by Cllr. T. Connolly**

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. J. Munnely be nominated to attend Conference of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committees to be held in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal, on 27th October, 2005”.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

- (a) **Proposed by Cllr. F. Chambers**
Seconded by Cllr. E. Staunton

Resolved:-

“That Mayo County Council note the cavalier attitude of Eircom in relation to their dealing with telephone lines and poles throughout the County and Country at large”.

It was also agreed to invite a representative from Eircom to address a Meeting of the Council.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Staunton

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Deel Rovers, Crossmolina, on winning the Mayo Senior Football Club Championship”.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Staunton

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Ms. Mary Gordon, Senior Staff Officer, Ballina Civic Offices, on the death of her Mother, Anne”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. Johnnie O’Malley

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. & Mrs. A. Dever, Riverslade, Ballina, on the death of their Son”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. O’Brien

Seconded by Cllr. T. Connolly

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Butler family, Cahermaculick, Shrule, on the death of Joe Butler”.

**Proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien
Seconded by Cllr. T. Connolly**

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Sloyan family, Coolmeen, Mayo Abbey, Claremorris, on the death of Kathleen Walsh”.

**Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly
Seconded by Cllr. P. O'Brien**

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Leonard family, Logatemple, Claremorris, on the death of Ray Leonard”.

**Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly
Seconded by Cllr. P. O'Brien**

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Lavelle family, Murneen South, Claremorris, on the death of Dan Lavelle”.

**Proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien
Seconded by Cllr. T. Connolly**

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Morrin family, Corheens, Cross, Claremorris, on the death of Michael Morrin”.

**Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly
Seconded by Cllr. P. O'Brien**

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Nally family, Kilbride, Mayo Abbey, Claremorris, on the death of Denis Nally”.

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan
Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney**

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Morrin family, Corheens, Cross, Co. Mayo, on the death of Michael Morrin”.

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan
Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney**

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Paddy Greaney & family, The Neale, Co. Mayo, on the death of Phil Greaney”.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Lavin

Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney

Resolved:-

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Carroll family,
Thomas Street, Kiltimagh, on the death of Johnny Carroll”.**

The Meeting concluded at 6.55 p.m.