

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 27th JUNE, 2005, AT 11.30 a.m.**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. E. Staunton, was in the Chair.

The other Councillors present were:-

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

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. Walsh, A/Meetings Administrator, Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, Mr. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, Mr. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. P. Duggan, Head of Finance, Mr. N. Burke, Sen. Engineer, Mr. B. O'Reilly, Sen. Engineer, Ms. E. McCormack, Financial Accountant, Mr. P. Benson, Sen. Ex. Officer, Ms. B. Commons, Adm. Officer, Mr. N. Sheridan, Comm. Dev. Officer, Mr. J. Maughan, Civil Defence Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. E. Staunton, thanked and paid tribute to the Council Members for their support and co-operation during his term as Cathaoirleach. He thanked his Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Mee, for his support during the year. He also thanked the County Manager and his Staff for their courtesy and co-operation during his term of Office. He paid tribute to the Members of the Press for their impartial reporting of matters pertaining to the Council during the year.

Many tributes were paid to the outgoing Cathaoirleach for the manner in which he carried out his duties during the year.

Proposed by Cllr. John O'Malley

Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams

Resolved:-

"That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Westport United on winning the FAI Junior Cup and that an appropriate Function be held to honour the Team and that the necessary expenditure is hereby approved".

ITEM NO. 1.
TO APPOINT A CATHAOIRLEACH OF THE COUNCIL WHO WILL HOLD
OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. C. Burke

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. H. Kenny be appointed Cathaoirleach of the Council who will hold Office until the next Annual Meeting of the County Council”.

As there were no other nominations, Cllr. H. Kenny was declared Cathaoirleach of the County Council for the coming year.

The new Cathaoirleach took the Chair and thanked the Members for electing him Cathaoirleach of the Council.

During the course of his Address, the new Cathaoirleach made reference to the following:-

- **The massive underspend in the B.M.W. Region;**
- **Knock International Airport and its further development;**
- **The re-opening of the Western Rail Corridor – Sligo to Ennis;**
- **Planning;**
- **The provision of Playground facilities in Towns and Villages in the County;**
- **The review of Council Policy regarding access etc. for Disabled Persons;**
- **The Mayo Diaspora;**
- **The Centenary of the death of Michel Davitt in 2006;**
- **Community Development.**

The Cathaoirleach also stated that he was looking forward to working with the County Manager, his Staff and the Members of the Press.

ITEM NO. 2.
TO APPOINT A LEAS CHATHAOIRLEACH OF THE COUNCIL WHO WILL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. T. Connolly

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. J. Cribbin be appointed Leas Chathaoirleach of the Council who will hold Office until the next Annual Meeting of the County Council”.

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. J. Cribbin Leas Chathaoirleach of the County Council for the coming year.

Cllr. Cribbin thanked his proposer and seconder.

ITEM NO. 3.
TO APPOINT NOT MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. A.F. O'Malley

Resolved:-

"That Cllrs. E. Staunton and John O'Malley be appointed to represent this Council on the County Councils' General Council".

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

"That Cllr. S. Bourke be appointed to represent this Council on the County Councils' General Council".

ITEM NO. 4.
TO APPOINT ONE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

"That Cllr. C. Burke be appointed to represent the Council on the Local Authority Members Association".

ITEM NO. 5.
TO APPOINT ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED, DUBLIN.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin

Resolved:-

"That Cllr. J. Mellett shall represent the Council on the Board of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company Limited, Dublin".

The Meeting concluded at 1.45 p.m.