

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE, MOYGOWNAGH, BALLINA, ON MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> MAY,  
2005, AT 4.00 p.m.**

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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, G. Murray, 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. Condon, Meetings Administrator, Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, Mr. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, Mr. P. Duggan, Head of Finance, Ms. E. McCormack, Financial Accountant, Mr. N. Burke, Sen. Engineer, Mr. B. O'Reilly, Sen. Engineer, Mr. N. Sheridan, Comm. & Enterprise, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

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At the outset, Mr. Tony Finnerty, Chairman, Moygownagh Community Centre and the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. E. Staunton, welcomed the Elected Members and Staff, members of the Press and public to the Meeting in Moygownagh.

Tributes were paid to the Cathaoirleach for the manner in which he carried out his duties during his term of Office.

Proposed by Cllr. F. Chambers  
Seconded by Cllr. John O'Malley  
Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Baby Bracken & family, Sandymount, Newport, on the death of her Husband, Gerry”.

**ITEM NO. 1.**

**MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNIU COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI  
AR SIUL AR AN 11<sup>u</sup> AIBREAN, 2005, A DEIMHNIU.  
TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
11<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2005.**

Mhol Comhairleoir P. McGuinness  
Chuid Comhairleoir P. McHugh leis  
Ghlacu leis an tairiscint:-

“Go n-aontaiomar le Miontuairisci Cruinniu Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhi ar siul ar an 11<sup>u</sup> Aibrean, 2005”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2005, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

**ITEM NO. 2.**

**TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 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 7 NO. DWELLINGS TOGETHER WITH ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS, SERVICES, TREATMENT PLANT, LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT DERRYHERBERT, LISCARNEY, WESTPORT.**

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams

Seconded by Cllr. John O’Malley

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 18<sup>th</sup> April, 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 7 No. dwellings together with all associated site works, services, treatment plant, landscaping and improvement works at Derryherbert, Liscarney, Westport”.

**ITEM NO. 3.**

**TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 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 ISLAND MORE ACCESS DEVELOPMENT, CLEW BAY, WESTPORT.**

Proposed by Cllr. John O’Malley

Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan

Resolved:-

“That this Item be deferred to the June Meeting of the Council”.

**ITEM NO. 4.**

**TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL, 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 PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. TRADITIONAL TYPE RURAL DWELLING AT CLOONKESH, TURLOUGH, CASTLEBAR.**

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 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 proposed construction of 1 No. traditional type Rural Dwelling at Cloonkesh, Turlough, Castlebar”.

**ITEM NO. 5.**

**TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 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 CARPARK DEVELOPMENT AT TRAWLECKACHOOLIA BEACH (SILVER STRAND).**

Proposed by Cllr. A.F. O'Malley

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 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 Carpark Development at Trawleckachoolia Beach (Silver Strand)”.

**ITEM NO. 6.**

(a) **TO NOTE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2004;**

(b) **TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF BUDGET FOR 2004.**

(a) Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Annual Financial Statement for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2004, be noted”.

(b) Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That the Council hereby approve of variations of expenditure in 2004 in relation to the expenditure provided for in the adopted Budget for 2004, as detailed in Schedule incorporated in the Annual Financial Statement for 2004 and amounting in total to an increase of €14,817,950”.

Queries raised by the Members were replied to by the County Manager

**ITEM NO. 7.**  
**TO ARRANGE A DATE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005, at 11.30 a.m.”.

**ITEM NO. 8.**  
**TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY OF 0.014 ACRES ADJACENT TO 13, RADHARC NA MARA, ACHILL, TO EDWARD AND BERNADETTE CORRIGAN, 13, RADHARC NA MARA, ACHILL, CO. MAYO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL, 2005, ALREADY CIRCULATED.**

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle

Seconded by Cllr. M. McNamara

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of property of 0.014 acres adjacent to 13, Radharc na Mara, Achill, to Edward and Bernadette Corrigan, 13, Radharc na Mara, Achill, Co. Mayo, for €1,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2005, already circulated”.

**ITEM NO. 9.**  
**TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 3 BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW AT AGHALASHEEN, BELMULLET, TO ANTHONY AND CATHERINE TOGHER, AGHALASHEEN, BELMULLET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL, 2005, ALREADY CIRCULATED.**

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle

Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 3 Bedroomed detached bungalow at Aghalashreen, Belmullet, to Anthony and Catherine Togher, Aghalashreen, Belmullet, for €21,442.26, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2005, already circulated”.

**ITEM NO. 10.**

**TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 3 BEDROOMED SEMI-DETACHED TWO STOREY DWELLING AT 16, HILLSIDE, MULRANNY, TO HELEN McLOUGHLIN, 16, HILLSIDE, MULRANNY, CO. MAYO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL, 2005, ALREADY CIRCULATED.**

Proposed by Cllr. M. Holmes

Seconded by Cllr. G. Coyle

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 3 Bedroomed semi-detached two storey dwelling at 16, Hillside, Mulranny, to Helen McLoughlin, 16, Hillside, Mulranny, Co. Mayo, for €30,349.13, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2005, already circulated”.

**ITEM NO. 11.**

**TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF SITE WITH DERELICT DWELLING AT CARRAJAMES, BELCARRA, CASTLEBAR, TO MR. MICHAEL FLATLEY, CARRAJAMES, BELCARRA, CASTLEBAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2005, ALREADY CIRCULATED.**

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of Site with derelict dwelling at Carrajames, Belcarra, Castlebar, to Mr. Michael Flatley, Carrajames, Belcarra, Castlebar, for €27,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2005, already circulated”.

**ITEM NO. 12.**

**TO NOTE MINUTES OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER, 2004.**

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Water Supply and Sewerage Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2004, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 13.**

**TO NOTE MINUTES OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2005.**

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Planning and Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2005, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 14.**

**TO NOTE MINUTES OF CULTURAL, EDUCATION, HERITAGE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2005.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2005, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 15.**

**TO NOTE MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH, 2005.**

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Environmental Policy and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2005, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 16.**

**TO NOTE MINUTES OF BALLINROBE ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2005, 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2005 AND 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2005.**

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan

Seconded by Cllr. P. O’Brien

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Ballinrobe Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2005, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 and 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2005, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 17.**

**TO NOTE MINUTES OF CASTLEBAR ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2005 AND 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2005.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Castlebar Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 and 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2005, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 18.**  
**TO NOTE MINUTES OF CLAREMORRIS ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2005.**

Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Claremorris Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2005, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 19.**  
**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND WESTPORT TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2005 – “COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY – THE CHALLENGE AHEAD” – TO BE HELD IN HOTEL WESTPORT, WESTPORT, CO. MAYO, ON 19<sup>th</sup> AND 20<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2005.**

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. T. Connolly, G. Coyle, P. McGuinness, J. Munnely, John O’Malley, M. Carty, J. Maloney, A. McDonnell, P. McHugh, M. McNamara and T. Quinn be nominated to attend Westport Town Council Annual Conference 2005 – “Council and Community – The Challenge Ahead” – to be held in Hotel Westport, Westport, Co. Mayo, on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2005”.

**ITEM NO. 20.**  
**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND NASC CONFERENCE – “RURAL & LOCAL DEVELOPMENT – ISSUES, CHALLENGES & PRIORITIES” – TO BE HELD IN THE EARL OF DESMOND HOTEL, TRALEE, CO. KERRY, ON 26<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2005.**

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. C. Burke, S. Weir, M. Carty and D. Ryan be nominated to attend NASC Conference – “Rural & Local Development – Issues, Challenges & Priorities” – to be held in the Earl of Desmond Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry, on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2005”.

**ITEM NO. 21.**  
**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND**  
**CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS SEMINAR – “THE**  
**POTENTIAL FOR SPORT IN MODERN IRELAND” – TO BE HELD IN THE**  
**MULLINGAR PARK HOTEL, MULLINGAR, CO. WESTMEATH, ON 23<sup>rd</sup> AND**  
**24<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2005.**

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. P. McHugh and A.M. Reape be nominated to attend Confederation of European Councillors Seminar – “The Potential for Sport in Modern Ireland” – to be held in the Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2005”.

**Western Rail Corridor Conference – Castlebar – 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2005.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. J. Mellett and F. Chambers be nominated to attend Conference – “The Western Rail Corridor – A Regional Transport Initiative” – to be held in Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2005”.

**Seminar – Arklow, Co. Wicklow – 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2005.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. E. Staunton, be nominated to attend Seminar - “Media Skills for Councillors” – to be held in the Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2005”.

**NOTICES OF MOTION.**

(a) Proposed by Cllr. P. O’Brien

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That Mayo Co. Council call on the Minister for Education, Mary Hanafin, to explain the lack of funding made available under the Summer School Restoration Grant Scheme to upgrade and refurbish Mayo Schools”.



**(b) "That Mayo County Council will reform its Housing Allocation Policy with the intention of:**

- **Introducing a point scheme to be used in determining housing need.**
- **Creating a housing list which would be available for inspection by the public at housing offices, which would be circulated to housing officers & councillors every six months.**
- **Creating a clearly defined "House Transfers Strategy".**
- **Creation of a "Vacant House Strategy" to efficiently deal with "voids" in Mayo County Council Housing stock.**
- **Creation of a "Homeless Strategy".**

**This revised policy should be put to the members of Mayo County Council within 9 months".**

**Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2005, as circulated, from Mr. P. Hynes, Director of Services, was accepted by Cllr. J. Munnelly.**

**(c) Proposed by Cllr. J. Cribbin  
Seconded by Cllr. T. Connolly  
Resolved:-**

**"That the County Manager give the up to date position in relation to Development Charges:-**

- (a) How much has accumulated**
- (b) What projects, if any, are selected for funding".**

#### **RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.**

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**Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle  
Seconded by Cllr. John O'Malley  
Resolved:-**

**"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Molly Leneghan, Mountjubilee, Geesala, Ballina, on the tragic death of her Granddaughter, Mary Ann Leneghan, in England".**

**Proposed by Cllr. E. Staunton  
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Resolved:-**

**"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Waldron family, Tuam, Co. Galway, on the death of Dr. Anthony Waldron who was a former Member of Mayo County Council from 1928 to 1933".**

**Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape**

**Seconded by Cllr. M. McNamara**

**Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. John Lawrence & family, Ballina Road, Bonniconlon, Ballina, on the death of Mrs. Lawrence”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara**

**Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams**

**Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Kilbane family, Cloughmore, Achill, on the death of Micheal Kilbane”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara**

**Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams**

**Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the McNamara family, Pollagh, Achill, on the death of Tess McNamara”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara**

**Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers**

**Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the McNamara and Walsh families, Chongie Road, Dooagh, Achill, on the death of Bridget McNeela”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara**

**Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers**

**Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Corrigan family, Owenduff and Keel, Achill, on the death of Hugh Corrigan”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. E. Staunton**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Munnely**

**Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Tony Finnerty & family, Moygownagh, Ballina, on the death of his Brother, Pat, in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett**

**Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin**

**Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Salmon family, Derryronane, Swinford, on the death of Tom Salmon”.**

**The Meeting concluded at 5.50 p.m.**