

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13th
FEBRUARY, 2006, 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, C. Burke, 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. J. Coll, Dir., Community & Enterprise, Mr. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. P. Duggan, Head of Finance, Mr. I. Douglas, Sen. Planner, Mr. N. Burke, Sen. Engineer, Mr. B. O'Reilly, Sen. Engineer, Ms. K. O'Malley-Harlow, Sen. Ex. Planner, Ms. D. Cunningham, Ex. Planner, Mr. P. Carroll, Head of I.S., Mr. J. McGovern, I.T. Section, Mr. S. Carolan, I.T. Section, Mr. R. Love, I.T. Section, Mr. L. Walsh, Sen. Ex. G.I.S. Co-Ordinator, Mr. P. Benson, Sen. Ex. Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

ITEM NO. 1.

**MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNITHE COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A
BHI AR SIUL AR AN 9ú EANAIR AGUS 16ú EANAIR, 2006, A DEIMHNIU.
TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON
9th JANUARY AND 16th JANUARY, 2006.**

Mhol Comhairleoir P. McGuinness
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 9ú Eanair agus 16ú Eanair, 2006”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Secoded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meetings held on 9th January and
16th January, 2006, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct
record”.

ITEM NO. 2.
CUR Í LÁTHAIR Ó THOGRÁ MHAIGH EO.

Thug Mairead Ní Mhaoilchiaráin Cur í Láthair ar Ghaeilge Mhaigh Eo.

Ghabh an Cathaoirleach buíochas le Iníon Ní Mhaoilchiaráin le haghaidh a Cur í Láthair.

ITEM NO. 3.
TO NOTE 2006 NATIONAL ROADS ALLOCATIONS FROM THE NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY.

Mr. J. Beirne, Dir. of Services / Co. Engineer outlined details of this Item.

Following discussion, it was -

Proposed by Cllr. M. Mulherin
Seconded by Cllr. E. Staunton
Resolved:-

“That the Minister for Transport, Mr. Martin Cullen, T.D., be requested to receive a Deputation from the Council when he is in County Mayo on Monday, 20th February, 2006, at the sod-turning ceremony for the proposed Charlestown By-Pass, to discuss the National Roads Allocations for County Mayo”.

Following further discussion, the Members noted the 2006 National Roads Allocations from the National Roads Authority.

ITEM NO. 4.
TO NOTE 2006 NON-NATIONAL ROAD GRANT ALLOCATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Mr. J. Beirne, Dir. of Services / Co. Engineer outlined details of this Item.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Quinn
Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers
Resolved:-

“That the Council prepares a summary of costings for the Bellacorick Road and seeks funding from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to carry out this Project”.

The Council noted the 2006 Non-National Road Grant Allocations from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

It was agreed to deal with Item Nos. 5 and 6 together.

ITEM NO. 5.
LAUNCH OF CD ON PLANNING

Mr. J. Loftus, Dir. of Services, outlined details of Item Nos. 5 and 6.

Mr. I. Douglas gave a Presentation on the CD on Planning.

ITEM NO. 6.
LAUNCH OF SELF-SERVICE PRE-PLANNING FACILITY ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE.

Mr. L. Walsh, Sen. Ex. G.I.S. Co-Ordinator, demonstrated the Self-Service Pre-Planning Facility on the Council's Website.

A number of Councillors Congratulated everybody associated with these Projects.

ITEM NO. 7.

- (a) **TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS OF THE DRAFT CLAREMORRIS LOCAL AREA PLAN, AND THE MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE SUBMISSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED ON THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS AS CIRCULATED ON 20th JANUARY, 2006;**
- (b) **TO MAKE OR AMEND THE DRAFT CLAREMORRIS LOCAL AREA PLAN.**

- (a) Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-

“That the proposed modifications of the Draft Claremorris Local Area Plan, and the Manager's Report on the submissions and observations received on proposed modifications as circulated on 20th January, 2006, and following the Special Meeting of the Claremorris Electoral Area Committee held on 31st January, 2006, be hereby accepted and approved subject to the proposed amendment A12 (change from Agricultural / Rural to Residential R2) being changed from Agricultural / Rural to Residential R1”.

- (b) Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-

“That the Draft Claremorris Local Area Plan, as amended, be made and adopted”.

ITEM NO. 8.
TO NOMINATE TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO THE CASTLEBAR DISTRICT POLICING FORUM.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. C. Burke and A. McDonnell be nominated to the Castlebar District Policing Forum”.

ITEM NO. 9.
TO APPROVE OF THE PREPARATION OF A JOINT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CASTLEBAR TOWN COUNCIL AREA AND ENVIRONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 9 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mee

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the preparation of a Joint Development Plan for the Castlebar Town Council Area and Environs in accordance with Section 9 of the Planning and Development Act 2000”.

ITEM NO. 10.
TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 31st JANUARY, 2006, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF BALLINA TOWN WATER SUPPLY.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. M. Mulherin

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 31st January, 2006, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of Ballina Town Water Supply”.

ITEM NO. 11.
TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 31st JANUARY, 2006, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF KILTIMAGH SEWERAGE SCHEME.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Lavin

Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 31st January, 2006, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of Kiltimagh Sewerage Scheme”.

ITEM NO. 12.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF PLOT 1 COMPRISING 1.04 ACRES OF LAND AT CROSSMOLINA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, KNOCKALEGAN, CROSSMOLINA, TO MR. ANTHONY GILL, MULLENMORE STREET, CROSSMOLINA, CO. MAYO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 20th JANUARY, 2006, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Staunton

Seconded by Cllr. S. Weir

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of Plot 1 comprising 1.04 acres of Land at Crossmolina Industrial Estate, Knockalegan, Crossmolina, to Mr. Anthony Gill, Mullenmore Street, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo, for €105,000.00, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 20th January, 2006, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 13.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 0.0943 HECTARES OF LAND AT NEWTOWN SOUTH, BALLINDINE, CONTAINING DERELICT HALL, TO OLIVER HESSION AND COLEMAN HESSION, CRINNAGE, CRAUGHWELL, CO. GALWAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 27th JANUARY, 2006, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.0943 hectares of Land at Newtown South, Ballindine, containing Derelict Hall, to Oliver Hession and Coleman Hession, Crinnage, Craughwell, Co. Galway, for €98,000.00, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th January, 2006, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 14.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF PLOT COMPRISING OF 4.39 ACRES AT FOXFORD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, SWINFORD ROAD, FOXFORD, CO. MAYO, TO HOWLEY DISTRIBUTION SERVICES LTD., UNIT 7, ROSEMOUNT BUSINESS PARK, BALLYCOLLIN ROAD, DUBLIN, 11, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 27th JANUARY, 2006, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Maloney

Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of Plot comprising of 4.39 acres at Foxford Industrial Estate, Swinford Road, Foxford, Co. Mayo, to Howley Distribution Services Ltd., Unit 7, Rosemount Business Park, Ballycollin Road, Dublin, 11, for €300,000.00, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th January, 2006, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 15.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF INDUSTRIAL SITES AT SWINFORD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, KILKELLY ROAD, SWINFORD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 27th JANUARY, 2006, ALREADY CIRCULATED, TO -

- (a) **PAT O’NEILL, BALLYMILES, SWINFORD, CO. MAYO;**
- (b) **EUGENE HENRY, BALLYMILES, SWINFORD, CO. MAYO.**

- (a) Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett
Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney
Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of Plot No. 12 comprising of 0.51 acres at Swinford Industrial Estate, Kilkelly Rd., Swinford, to Pat O’Neill, Ballymiles, Swinford, Co. Mayo, for €101,500.00, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th January, 2006, already circulated”.

- (b) Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett
Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney
Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of Plot No. 14 comprising of 0.5 acres at Swinford Industrial Estate, Kilkelly Rd., Swinford, to Eugene Henry, Ballymiles, Swinford, Co. Mayo, for €91,000.00, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th January, 2006, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 16.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 5 COMMERCIAL SITES AT THE RELIEF ROAD, FOXFORD, CO. MAYO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 27th JANUARY, 2006, ALREADY CIRCULATED, TO -

- (a) **MS. REGINA COADY, KNOCKTHOMAS, CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO;**
- (b) **MR. JOHN GAUGHAN, GORSE GROVE, FOXFORD, CO. MAYO;**
- (c) **MR. SEAMUS O’BRIEN, KILKENNY, CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO;**
- (d) **MR. SEAMUS O’BRIEN, KILKENNY, CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO;**
- (e) **HEALTH SERVICES EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS, MERLIN PARK HOSPITAL, CO. GALWAY.**

- (a) Proposed by Cllr. J. Maloney
Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin
Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of Plot No. 1 comprising 0.09 hectares of Land at Relief Road, Foxford, Co. Mayo, to Ms. Regina Coady, Knockthomas, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, for €220,000.00, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th January, 2006, already circulated”.

- (b) Proposed by Cllr. J. Maloney
Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin**

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of Plot No. 2 comprising 0.1 hectares of Land at Relief Road, Foxford, Co. Mayo, to Mr. John Gaughan, Gorse Grove, Foxford, Co. Mayo, for €200,000.00, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th January, 2006, already circulated”.

- (c) Proposed by Cllr. J. Maloney
Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin**

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of Plot No. 3 comprising 0.07 hectares of Land at Relief Road, Foxford, Co. Mayo, to Mr. Seamus O’Brien, Kilkenny, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, for €165,000.00, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th January, 2006, already circulated”.

- (d) Proposed by Cllr. J. Maloney
Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin**

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of Plot No. 4 comprising 0.06 hectares of Land at Relief Road, Foxford, Co. Mayo, to Mr. Seamus O’Brien, Kilkenny, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, for €150,000.00, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th January, 2006, already circulated”.

- (e) Proposed by Cllr. J. Maloney
Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin**

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of Plot No. 5 comprising 0.24 hectares of Land at Relief Road, Foxford, Co. Mayo, to the Health Services Executive, Administrative Headquarters, Merlin Park Hospital, Co. Galway, for €100,000.00, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th January, 2006, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 17.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 2.16 ACRES OF LAND AT MOYVIEW, FOXFORD, TO CLUID HOUSING ASSOCIATION, GLENDALLON HOUSE, BALLYTIVNAN, SLIGO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 31st JANUARY, 2006, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Maloney

Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 2.16 acres of Land at Moyview, Foxford, to Cluid Housing Association, Glendallon House, Ballytivnan, Sligo, for €2,032, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 31st January, 2006, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 18.

TO APPROVE LOAN OF €2,673,304 TO CLUID HOUSING ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROVISION OF 16 DWELLING UNITS AT MOYVIEW, FOXFORD, UNDER THE CAPITAL LOAN AND SUBSIDY SCHEME IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1992.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Maloney

Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve Loan of €2,673,304 to Cluid Housing Association for the provision of 16 Dwelling Units at Moyview, Foxford, under the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992”.

ITEM NO. 19.

TO APPROVE THE RAISING OF A LOAN OF €2.4m. IN RESPECT OF CLAREMORRIS SWIMMING POOL REDEVELOPMENT.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the raising of a Loan of €2.4m. in respect of Claremorris Swimming Pool Redevelopment”.

ITEM NO. 20.

TO ADOPT DRAFT (STREET PARKING) BYE-LAWS 2006 FOR BALLINROBE TOWN.

Proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Draft (Street Parking) Bye-Laws 2006 for Ballinrobe Town, as circulated”.

ITEM NO. 21.
TO ADOPT DRAFT (CAR-PARK) BYE-LAWS 2006 FOR BALLINROBE TOWN.

Proposed by Cllr. P. O’Brien
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Draft (Car-Park) Bye-Laws 2006 for Ballinrobe Town, as circulated”.

ITEM NO. 22.
TO ADOPT DRAFT STREET PARKING BYE-LAWS 2006 IN RESPECT OF CLAREMORRIS TOWN.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Draft Street Parking Bye-Laws 2006 in respect of Claremorris Town, as circulated”.

ITEM NO. 23.
TO ADOPT DRAFT CAR-PARK BYE-LAWS 2006 IN RESPECT OF CLAREMORRIS TOWN.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Draft Car-Park Bye-Laws 2006 in respect of Claremorris Town, as circulated”.

ITEM NO. 24.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 19th MAY, 23rd JUNE AND 29th SEPTEMBER, 2005.

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

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meetings held on 19th May, 23rd June and 29th September, 2005, be noted”.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Murray
Seconded by Cllr. J. Mee
Resolved:-

“That this Council makes appropriate arrangements to mark the 25th Anniversary of the H-Block Hunger Strike”.

ITEM NO. 25.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2nd SEPTEMBER, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. M. Carty

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Planning and Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 2nd September, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 26.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF CULTURAL, EDUCATION, HERITAGE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 5th OCTOBER AND 13th DECEMBER, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. M. Mulherin

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee Meetings held on 5th October and 13th December, 2005, be noted”.

Cllr. J. Mee dissented from this Resolution.

ITEM NO. 27.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17th NOVEMBER, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Weir

Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Environmental Policy and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 17th November, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 28.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF BELMULLET ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 4th OCTOBER AND 8th NOVEMBER, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Belmullet Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 4th October and 8th November, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 29.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF CLAREMORRIS ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER, 9th NOVEMBER AND 6th DECEMBER, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. T. Connolly

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Claremorris Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 1st November, 9th November and 6th December, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 30.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF BALLINROBE ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14th NOVEMBER, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. P. O’Brien

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Ballinrobe Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 14th November, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 31.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF CASTLEBAR ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 28th NOVEMBER AND 19th DECEMBER, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. C. Burke

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Castlebar Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 28th November and 19th December, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 32.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF SWINFORD ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14th DECEMBER, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Lavin

Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Swinford Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 14th December, 2005, be noted”.

Many tributes were paid to Mr. Christy Loftus, Journalist, who is leaving the “Western People” to take up a position as External Affairs Advisor with Shell E&P Ireland Limited.

The Cathaoirleach and County Manager associated themselves with the tributes paid to Mr. Loftus.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell
Seconded by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Resolved:-

“That a Reception be held for Christy Loftus to honour and thank him for his many years service reporting on County Council Meetings”.

ITEM NO. 33.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL CONFERENCE – “ARE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS UNDERMINING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN IRELAND?” – TO BE HELD IN THE COLMCILLE HERITAGE CENTRE, GARTAN, LETTERKENNY, CO. DONEGAL, FROM 24th TO 26th FEBRUARY, 2006.

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. M. Adams, M. Carty, T. Connolly, J. Cribbin, M. Holmes, P. McHugh, M. McNamara, G. Murray, P. O’Brien, A.F. O’Malley, John O’Malley, D. Ryan and S. Weir be nominated to attend Colmcille Winter School Conference – “Are Special Interest Groups Undermining Democratic Government in Ireland?” – to be held in the Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, from 24th to 26th February, 2006”.

ITEM NO. 34.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND IRISH MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION SPRING CONFERENCE – “MUSEUMS IN THEIR PLACE – ROLES, REGENERATION AND COMMUNITY” – TO BE HELD IN BELFAST FROM 24th TO 26th FEBRUARY, 2006.

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. H. Kenny, be nominated to attend Irish Museums Association Spring Conference – “Museums in their Place – Roles, Regeneration and Community” – to be held in Queen’s University, Belfast, from 24th to 26th February, 2006”.

ITEM NO. 35.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “MAINTAINING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN RAPIDLY EXPANDING TOWNS” – TO BE HELD IN THE CASTLE HOTEL, MACROOM, CO. CORK, ON 2nd MARCH, 2006.

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. C. Burke, M. Carty, G. Coyle, M. Holmes and D. Ryan be nominated to attend Conference – “Maintaining a sense of Community in rapidly expanding Towns” – to be held in the Castle Hotel, Macroom, Co. Cork, on 2nd March, 2006”.

ITEM NO. 36.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY COUNCILS TO BE HELD IN THE FAIRWAYS HOTEL, DUNDALK, CO. LOUTH, FROM 9th TO 11th MARCH, 2006.

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. C. Burke, T. Connolly, M. McNamara, G. Murray, A.F. O’Malley, John O’Malley, D. Ryan, H. Walsh and S. Weir be nominated to attend Annual Conference of the Association of County and City Councils to be held in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth, from 9th to 11th March, 2006”.

Seminar – Clonmel, Co. Tipperary – 3rd and 4th March, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. M. Adams and A. McDonnell be nominated to attend Seminar – “The Councillor and Civic Leadership” – to be held in Raheen House, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, on 3rd and 4th March, 2006”.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

It was agreed to defer Notices of Motion (a) to (c) inclusive, as listed on the Agenda, to the March Meeting of the Council.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That the March Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 6th March, 2006”.

The Cathaoirleach read request received from Mr. Paddy McCann, Irish Postmasters Union, Fairmount, Co. Roscommon, to address a Meeting of Mayo County Council.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Mr. Paddy McCann, Irish Postmasters Union, be allowed to address the March Meeting of the Council”.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle

Seconded by Cllr. A.F. O’Malley

Resolved:-

“That this Council is concerned at the various Immigration proposals currently before the American Congress any of which, if implemented, would have an adverse effect on many people from this area and throughout Ireland living and working in the United States. Council to advise the US Embassies in Dublin and London and the Consul General in Belfast of our concern and to advise them that we offer our backing to the reforms proposed in the Kennedy / McCain Bill which would grant the undocumented a path to a green card while also bringing in new immigration enforcement laws”.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Lavin

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mellett

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Mr. Paul O’Shea, Kiltimagh, on being nominated “Kiltimagh Person of the Year”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Maloney

Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Mr. Bill Durkan, Bohola, Co. Mayo, on being nominated “Mayo Person of the Year 2006”.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle

Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Erris United Soccer Club on winning the Mayo Meitheal Award 2006”.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Brid McDonnell & family, 41, Rathbawn Drive, Castlebar, on the death of her Husband, Eugene”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. C. Burke

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Mrs. Bonnie Connolly & family, Newtown, Castlebar, on the death of her Husband, Joe”.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Lavin

Seconded by Cllr. M. Carty

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Walsh family, Raftery Rooms, Kiltimagh, on the death of Gerry Walsh”.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Lavin

Seconded by Cllr. M. Carty

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Gill family, Greenfields, Kiltimagh, on the death of Christy Gill”.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Carty

Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the McHugh family, Knock, Co. Mayo, on the death of John McHugh”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Munnely

Seconded by Cllr. M. Mulherin

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Mayock family, Leadymore, Killala, Co. Mayo, on the death of Jimmy Mayock”.

The Meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.