

MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10th JULY, 2006, AT 4.00 p.m.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. G. Coyle, was in the Chair.

The other Councillors present were:-

Cllrs. M. Mulherin, A.M. Reape, E. Staunton, S. Weir, P. O'Brien, D. Ryan, H. Walsh, M. McNamara, T. Quinn, S. Bourke, 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.

Apologies received from Cllrs. M. Holmes, H. Kenny and A.F. O'Malley 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. Walsh, A/Meetings Administrator, Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, Mr. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. J. Coll, Dir., Community & Enterprise, Mr. P. Duggan, Head of Finance, Mr. N. Burke, A/Dir. of Services, Mr. P. Mahon, Sen. Engineer, Mr. B. O'Reilly, Sen. Engineer, Ms. E. McCormack, Financial Accountant, Ms. T. McGee, Management Accountant, Mr. P. Brogan, Sen. Staff Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Gerry Murray & family on the death of his Mother, Teresa, and that the Meeting adjourn at 6.00 p.m., as a mark of respect”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Seamus Granahan, Director of Services, on the death of his Brother, Sean, and to Dr. Seamus Caulfield, Belderrig, Ballina, on the death of his Brother”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Sean McHugh & family, Ballintubber, Claremorris, on the death of his Wife, Geraldine”.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle
Seconded by Cllr. P. O'Brien

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Hughes family, Shrule, on the death of Christopher Hughes”.

The Cathaoirleach and County Manager associated themselves with the Votes of Sympathy passed.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle
Seconded by Cllr. M. McNamara

Resolved:-

“That Best Wishes be extended to Councillor Michael Holmes for a speedy recovery from his illness”.

ITEM NO. 1.

MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNITHE COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI AR SIUL AR AN 12^ú MEITHEAMH AGUS 19^ú MEITHEAMH, 2006, A DEIMHNIU.

TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 12th JUNE AND 19th JUNE, 2006.

Referring to Minute No. 181/06 of 12th June, 2006, and, following discussion, it was -

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

Resolved:-

“That Minute No. 181/06 of 12th June, 2006, be amended to read as follows:-

“That Section 3.17 be deleted from Heritage Plan for County Mayo”.

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

“Go n-aontaiomar le Miontuairisci Cruinnithe Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhi ar siul ar an 12^ú Meitheamh agus 19^ú Meitheamh, 2006”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meetings held on 12th June and 19th June, 2006, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

ITEM NO. 2.

TO NOTE REPORT ON BLUE FLAG AWARDS FOR MAYO BEACHES.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Report on Blue Flag Awards for Mayo Beaches, as circulated, be noted by the Council”.

ITEM NO. 3.

TO ADOPT THE HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME FOR 2006.

Mr. J. Loftus, Dir. of Services, informed the Members that the Higher Education Grants Scheme for 2006 had not yet been received from the Department of Education and Science.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Higher Education Grants Scheme for 2006 would be advertised when received and placed on the Agenda for the September Meeting of the Council for adoption.

ITEM NO. 4.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 15th MAY, 2006, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF CONSTRUCTION OF 4 NO. HOUSE UNITS AT GORTEENMORE, TOURMAKEADY.

Proposed by Cllr. John O'Malley

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 15th May, 2006, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of construction of 4 No. House Units at Gorteenmore, Tourmakeady”.

ITEM NO. 5.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 30th JUNE, 2006, 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 6 NO. UNIT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT BONNICONLON WEST, BONNICONLON, BALLINA.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. M. Mulherin

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 30th June, 2006, 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 6 No. Unit Housing Development at Bonniconlon West, Bonniconlon, Ballina”.

ITEM NO. 6.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 27th JUNE, 2006, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF CONSTRUCTION OF LANDSLIDE BARRIERS, BERM AND DRAINAGE WORKS AT BARNACUILLE AND DOONCARTON, PULLATHOMAS.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 27th June, 2006, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of construction of Landslide Barriers, Berm and Drainage Works at Barnacuille and Dooncarton, Pullathomas”.

ITEM NO. 7.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 29th JUNE, 2006, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF LOUGH MASK REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME – STAGE 5 – PHASE 1 EXTENSION SRAH TO WESTPORT.

Proposed by Cllr. John O’Malley

Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 29th June, 2006, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of Lough Mask Regional Water Supply Scheme – Stage 5 – Phase 1 Extension Srah to Westport”.

ITEM NO. 8.

SCÉIM TEANGA ÚDARÁS ÁITIULA MHAIGH EO A GLACADH.

Mhol Comhairleoir M. Mulherin

Chuid Comhairleoir T. O Cuinn leis

Ghlacu leis an tairiscint:-

“Go n-aontaiomar le Scéim Teanga Údarás Áitiula Mhaigh Eo”.

ITEM NO. 9.
TO APPROVE OF WATER SERVICES – ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS
PROGRAMME (2007 – 2013).

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell
Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve Water Services – Assessment of Needs Programme (2007-2013) – as circulated”.

The points raised by a number of Councillors were noted and the County Engineer stated that they would be included in the Assessment of Needs Programme (2007 – 2013).

ITEM NO. 10.
FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 2006.

Mr. P. Duggan, Head of Finance, outlined details of this Item.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-

“That Report on Financial Review for Half-Year ending 30th June, 2006, as circulated, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 11.
TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 6.54 ACRES OF LAND AT SALEEN,
CASTLEBAR, TO HAROLD CONWAY & PETER CONWAY, LEENANE ROAD,
WESTPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 26th JUNE, 2006,
ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams
Seconded by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 6.54 acres of Land at Saleen, Castlebar, to Harold Conway & Peter Conway, Leenane Road, Westport, for €6,250,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 26th June, 2006, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 12.
TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 0.17 HECTARES OF LAND AT
McHALE INDUSTRIAL PARK, DRUMCONLON, CASTLEBAR, TO
TEDCASTLES HOLDINGS, TOP HOUSE, PROMENADE ROAD, DUBLIN, 3,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 26th JUNE, 2006, ALREADY
CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell
Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.17 hectares of Land at McHale Industrial Park, Drumconlon, Castlebar, to Tedcastles Holdings, TOP House, Promenade Road, Dublin, 3, for €575,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 26th June, 2006, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 13.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 4 ACRES OF LAND AT FRIARSQUARTER, CLAREMORRIS ROAD, BALLINROBE, TO THE HEALTH SERVICES EXECUTIVE, MERLIN PARK, GALWAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 27th JUNE, 2006, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan
Seconded by Cllr. P. O’Brien
Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 4 acres of Land at Friarsquarter, Claremorris Road, Ballinrobe, to the Health Services Executive, Merlin Park, Galway, for €380,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th June, 2006, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 14.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF SITE NOS. 21, 22, 23 & 24, WESTPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK, NEWPORT ROAD, WESTPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 27th JUNE, 2006, ALREADY CIRCULATED, TO:-

- (a) **MR. JOHN MULLEE, WESTPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK, NEWPORT ROAD, WESTPORT;**
- (b) **MR. BRIAN LANGAN, AUGHAGOWER, WESTPORT;**
- (c) **MR. MICHAEL CUSACK, WESTPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK, NEWPORT ROAD, WESTPORT;**
- (d) **MR. JOHN MULLEE, WESTPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK, NEWPORT ROAD, WESTPORT.**

(a) Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams
Seconded by Cllr. John O’Malley
Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.534 acres of Land on Site No. 21, Westport Industrial Park, Newport Road, Westport, to Mr. John Mullee, Westport Industrial Park, Newport Road, Westport, for €350,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th June, 2006, already circulated”.

(b) Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams
Seconded by Cllr. John O’Malley
Resolved:-

- (b) “That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.515 acres of Land on Site No. 22, Westport Industrial Park, Newport Road, Westport, to Mr. Brian Langan, Aughagower, Westport, for €340,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th June, 2006, already circulated”.
- (c) Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams
Seconded by Cllr. John O’Malley
Resolved:-
“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.441 acres of Land on Site No. 23, Westport Industrial Park, Newport Road, Westport, to Mr. Michael Cusack, Westport Industrial Park, Newport Road, Westport, for €340,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th June, 2006, already circulated”.
- (d) Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams
Seconded by Cllr. John O’Malley
Resolved:-
“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 3.069 acres of Land on Site No. 24, Westport Industrial Park, Newport Road, Westport, to Mr. John Mullee, Westport Industrial Park, Newport Road, Westport, for €1,500,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27th June, 2006, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 15.
TO AUTHORISE THE ATTENDANCE OF THE CATHAOIRLEACH AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO ATTEND 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE WEST SIDE AMERICAN CLUB IN CLEVELAND FROM 7th TO 10th SEPTEMBER, 2006, AS PART OF ACHILL/CLEVELAND TWINNING.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-
“That we hereby authorise the attendance of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. G. Coyle, Cllrs. H. Kenny and M. McNamara to attend 75th Anniversary Celebrations of the West Side American Club in Cleveland from 7th to 10th September, 2006, as part of Achill/Cleveland Twinning, and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved”.

ITEM NO. 16.
TO APPROVE FUNDING OF €150,000 FOR JOINT COASTAL DEVELOPMENT MEASURES UNDER CLÁR PROGRAMME.

Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara
Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams
Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve required funding of €150,000 by way of raising a Loan for Joint Coastal Development Measures under CLAR Programme as outlined in circulated Report dated 29th June, 2006”.

ITEM NO. 17.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28th FEBRUARY, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Planning and Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 28th February, 2006, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 18.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF CULTURAL, EDUCATION, HERITAGE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 14th MARCH, 2006, AND 23rd MAY, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee Meetings held on 14th March, 2006, and 23rd May, 2006, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 19.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF LOCAL COUNTY RURAL WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2nd MARCH, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Local County Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 2nd March, 2006, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 20.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF CLAREMORRIS ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2nd MAY, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Claremorris Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 2nd May, 2006, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 21.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF BALLINROBE ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 8th MAY, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien

Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan

Resolved:-

"That Minutes of Ballinrobe Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 8th May, 2006, be noted".

ITEM NO. 22.
TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND PARNELL
SUMMER SCHOOL 2006 – "FORGOTTEN HERO : MICHAEL DAVITT AND
IRISH DEMOCRACY" – TO BE HELD IN AVONDALE HOUSE AND FOREST
PARK, RATHDRUM, CO. WICKLOW, FROM 13th TO 18th AUGUST, 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 the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. S. Bourke, M. Carty, J. Cribbin, J. Maloney, P. McHugh, M. McNamara, M. Mulherin, G. Murray, P. O'Brien, A.M. Reape, D. Ryan and S. Weir be nominated to attend Parnell Summer School 2006 – "Forgotten Hero : Michael Davitt and Irish Democracy" – to be held in Avondale House and Forest Park, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, from 13th to 18th August, 2006".

ITEM NO. 23.
TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND GENERAL
HUMBERT SUMMER SCHOOL 2006 TO BE HELD IN THE NEWMAN
INSTITUTE, BALLINA, CO. MAYO, FROM 17th TO 20th AUGUST, 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 the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. J. Maloney, M. McNamara and M. Mulherin be nominated to attend General Humbert Summer School 2006 to be held in the Newman Institute, Ballina, Co. Mayo, from 17th to 20th August, 2006".

ITEM NO. 24.

**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND
CONFERENCE – “SPORT & LEISURE DEVELOPMENT – THE ROLE OF THE
LOCAL AUTHORITY” – TO BE HELD IN THE KILKEE BAY HOTEL, KILKEE,
CO. CLARE, ON 31st AUGUST AND 1st SEPTEMBER, 2006.**

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

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mee

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. S. Bourke and G. Murray be nominated to attend Conference – “Sport & Leisure Development – The Role of the Local Authority” – to be held in the Kilkee Bay Hotel, Kilkee, Co. Clare, on 31st August and 1st September, 2006”.

Seminar – Letterkenny, Co. Donegal – 24th to 26th August, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. G. Coyle, be nominated to attend Seminar – “Local Government and the Arts” – to be held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, from 24th to 26th August, 2006”.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan

Seconded by Cllr. M. McNamara

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Christy & Assumpta Hughes, Carramore, Shrule, on the death of Christopher Hughes”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. H. Walsh

Resolved:

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Tommy Togher & family, Glenree, Bonniconlon, Ballina, on the death of his Wife, Marie”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. H. Walsh

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Phil Munnelly & family, Seaview Terrace, Killala, on the death of her Husband, Eamon”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Vahey family, Carravilla, Hollymount, on the death of Frank Vahey”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Christy & Assumpta Hughes, Carramore, Shrule, on the death of Christopher Hughes”.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Murray

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mee

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the McWalter family, Balla, on the death of Paul McWalter”.

Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Johnston family, Bunnacurry, Achill, on the death of Thomas Johnston”.

The Meeting adjourned at 6.00 p.m.