

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 8th JULY, 2002, AT 11.00 a.m.**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Maloney, was in the Chair.

The other Councillors present were:-

Cllrs. E. Caffrey, B. Golden, S. Molloy, A.M. Reape, E. Staunton, S. Weir, M. Burke, J. Mannion, D. Ryan, G. Coyle, P. Kilbane, F. Leneghan, T. Quinn, S. Bourke, Patk. Burke, B. Cooper-Flynn, T.D., A. McDonnell, J. Mee, J. Carty, T.D., J. Cribbin, R. Finn, P. McHugh, J. Flannery, J. Mellett, M. Adams, F. Chambers, M. Ring, T.D., P. Sweeney.

Apology received from Cllr. H. Kenny for inability to attend the Meeting.

The Officers in attendance were:-

Mr. D. Mahon, Co. Manager, Mr. J. Loftus, Dir. of Services, Mr. J. Walsh, A/Co. Secretary, Mr. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, Mr. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. J. Coll, Dir. of Services, Mr. T. Mullen, Head of Finance, Mr. B. O'Reilly, Sen. Engineer, Mr. P. Flanagan, Sen. Ex. Officer, Ms. M. Hughes, Staff Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, A/Staff Officer, Ms. A.M. Brett, Asst. Staff Officer.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Maloney, 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. R. Finn, 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.

ITEM NO. 1.

**TO APPOINT A CATHAOIRLEACH OF THE COUNCIL WHO WILL HOLD
OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. T. Quinn 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. T. Quinn was declared Cathaoirleach of the County Council for the coming year.

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

The Cathaoirleach paid special tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Maloney.

The Cathaoirleach said that this was a most historic day for him personally as it was the first occasion in the history of Local Government that a Councillor from the Belmullet region was elected to the Chair.

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

- The adoption of the new Mayo County Development Plan;
- The principle of decentralisation and access to Council services in all Council Offices;
- Prioritising investment in Towns in the County with a population of less than 2000;
- The excellent work being done by a huge number of individuals and organisations throughout the County.

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. J. Mannion

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

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

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. M. Burke Leas Chathaoirleach of the County Council for the coming year.

Cllr. Burke 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. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. M. Adams, S. Bourke and E. Staunton be appointed to represent the Council on the County Councils’ General Council”.

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllrs. M. Adams, S. Bourke and E. Staunton elected to represent the 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. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. A. McDonnell be appointed to represent the Council on the Local Authority Members Association”.

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. A. McDonnell elected to represent the Council on the Local Authority Members Association.

ITEM NO. 5.

TO APPOINT ONE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED, DUBLIN.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. F. Chambers shall represent the Council on the Board of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company Limited, Dublin”.

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. F. Chambers elected to represent the Council on the Board of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company Limited, Dublin.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. J. Carty

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Cawley family, Circular Road, Swinford, on the death of Dr. Philip Cawley”.

The Meeting concluded at 1.00 p.m.