

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2002, AT 4.00 p.m.**

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The Leas Chathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Burke, was in the Chair.

The other Councillors present were:-

Cllrs. B. Golden, S. Molloy, A.M. Reape, E. Staunton, J. Mannion, G. Coyle, P. Kilbane, F. Leneghan, T. Quinn, S. Bourke, Patk. Burke, H. Kenny, A. McDonnell, J. Mee, J. Carty, J. Cribbin, R. Finn, P. McHugh, J. Flannery, J. Maloney, J. Mellett, G. Murray, M. Adams, F. Chambers, M. Ring, T.D., P. Sweeney.

The Officers 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. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. T. Mullen, Head of Finance, Mr. I. Douglas, Sen. Planner, Mr. P. Mahon, Sen. Engineer, Mr. G. Munnelly, A/Sen. Engineer, Mr. P. Commons, Sen. Ex. Officer, Mr. P. Benson, Sen. Ex. Officer, Mr. P. Flanagan, Sen. Ex. Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, A/Staff Officer.

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**ITEM NO. 1.**

**MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNITHE COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI AR SIUL AR AN 8<sup>u</sup> IUIL, 15<sup>u</sup> IUIL AGUS 29<sup>u</sup> IUIL, 2002, A DEIMHNIU. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> JULY, 15<sup>th</sup> JULY AND 29<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2002.**

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

“Go n-aontaíomar le Miontuairisci Cruinnithe Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh a bhi ar siul ar an 8<sup>u</sup> Iuil, 15<sup>u</sup> Iuil agus 29<sup>u</sup> Iuil, 2002”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 15<sup>th</sup> July and 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2002, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

**ITEM NO. 2.**

**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND.**

A detailed discussion took place on the Economic and Social Development Fund.

**Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Mee**

**“That the decision as made at Castlebar Electoral Area Committee Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2002, referring to the Economic and Social Development Fund for the Castlebar Area be accepted by this Council and the necessary monies paid”.**

**A number of Councillors spoke on the issue of the conditions which had to be adhered to when the Economic and Social Development Fund was being implemented.**

**The County Manager agreed to meet with the Councillors of any Electoral Area where there were difficulties with the Scheme.**

**The time being 4.45 p.m., the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. T. Quinn, took the Chair.**

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Mannion**

**Seconded by Cllr. Patk. Burke**

**“That the areas experiencing problems with the Economic and Social Development Fund meet with Council Officials to discuss same”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Mee**

**“That an Item on the Economic and Social Development Fund be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. H. Kenny**

**Seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke**

**Resolved:-**

**“That the Members from the Castlebar Electoral Area Committee meet with the County Manager in order to agree on an appropriate solution”.**

**ITEM NO. 3.**

**TO APPROVE OF THE RAISING OF A LOAN OF €10m. FROM THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY PLC., FOR PURPOSES AUTHORISED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.**

**Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane**

**Resolved:-**

**“That we hereby approve of the raising of a Loan of €10m. from the Housing Finance Agency Plc., for purposes authorised under the Housing Acts”.**

**ITEM NO. 4.**  
**TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2002, 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 TONREGEE PIER DEVELOPMENT.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane  
Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2002, 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 Tonregee Pier Development”.

**ITEM NO. 5.**  
**TO NOTE THE UP TO DATE POSITION REGARDING GLANCRE TEORANTA PLANT.**

The County Manager outlined the up to date position regarding Glancree Teoranta Plant.

**ITEM NO. 6.**  
**TO APPOINT CHAIR OF HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE AS A MEMBER OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams

Resolved:-

“That we hereby appoint the Chair of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee as a Member of Mayo County Council Local Consultative Committee on Traveller Accommodation”.

**ITEM NO. 7.**  
**PRESENTATION ON WATER PRICING POLICY / POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE.**

Mr. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, made a Presentation on Water Pricing Policy / Polluter Pays Principle.

**ITEM NO. 8.**  
**PRESENTATION ON RURAL WATER PROGRAMME.**

Mr. G. Munnally, A/Sen. Engineer, made a Presentation on the Rural Water Programme.

It was agreed that the Presentations on Water Pricing Policy / Polluter Pays Principle and the Rural Water Programme would be circulated to the Members of the Council,

**ITEM NO. 9.**

**TO ACCEPT TERMS OF LETTER DATED 18<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2002, RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MARINE AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN RESPECT OF PROJECT AT ELLY BAY, BELMULLET.**

Proposed by Cllr. F. Chambers

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That we hereby accept terms of Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2002, received from the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in respect of Project at Elly Bay, Belmullet and that the appropriate contribution for this Project be paid by the Council”.

**ITEM NO. 10.**

**TO NOTE MINUTES OF WESTPORT ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2002.**

Proposed by Cllr. F. Chambers

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Westport Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2002, be noted”.

**Regional Assembly Conference – Portlaoise, Co. Laois – 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2002.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. J. Carty, T.D., G. Murray and M. Burke be nominated to attend Regional Assembly Conference – “Development in Rural Areas and the Environment – Conflict or Compromise?” – to be held in the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2002”.

**Conference – Kilkee, Co. Clare – 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2002.**

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mannion

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mellett

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. J. Cribbin be nominated to attend Conference – “The Role of the Local Authority” – to be held in Kilkee Bay Hotel, Kilkee, Co. Clare, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2002”.

**Environmental Recognition Conference – Ballybunion, Co. Kerry – 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2002.**

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams

Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. G. Murray and Patk. Burke be nominated to attend Environmental Recognition Conference – “Waste Management” – to be held in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry, on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2002”.

**Blackwater Valley Tourism Conference – Mallow, Co. Cork – 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2002.**

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. P. McHugh, J. Maloney, R. Finn, G. Coyle and J. Flannery be nominated to attend Blackwater Valley Tourism Conference to be held in the Springfort Hall Hotel, Mallow, Co. Cork, on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2002”.

The County Manager informed the Members that a visit to Derrinumera Landfill Site would take place on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2002, immediately following the County Council Meeting.

It was agreed that the Council Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2002, would take place at 2.00 p.m.

**NOTICE OF MOTION.**

- (a) Proposed by Cllr. M. Ring  
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“Calling on Mayo County Council to increase the income thresholds which determine qualification for social housing to a more realistic figure, as the current threshold of £15,000/€20,000 is too low and is unreasonable; it discriminates those who are over the threshold yet do not have the means to purchase a home in County Mayo”.

**VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. M. Ring

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Councillor Damien Ryan on his recent Marriage”.

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Ring  
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane  
Resolved:-**

**“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Westport United on winning the Mayo Super League Championship”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. R. Finn  
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Resolved:-**

**“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to the Claremorris Youth Golfers on their success in the County Mayo Golf Tournament”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams  
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell  
Resolved:-**

**“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Mr. Darren Cawley, Ballinvoy, Aughagower, Westport, on his success at the European Transplant Games in Budapest”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape  
Seconded by Cllr. B. Golden  
Resolved:-**

**“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Bonniconlon Tidy Towns Committee on winning the Super Valu Endeavour Award”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney  
Seconded by Cllr. J. Carty  
Resolved:-**

**“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Louisburgh Ladies on winning the County Ladies Under 12 A Final”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. E. Staunton  
Seconded by Cllr. S. Weir  
Resolved:-**

**“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Deel Rovers, Crossmolina, on their win over Charlestown in the Senior Club Championship Semi-Final”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Ring  
Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn  
Resolved:-**

**“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Councillor Gerry Coyle on the success of the Geesala Festival which was held in August”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. T. Quinn  
Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape  
Resolved:-**

**“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to the Staff of Mayo County Council who were involved in the organisation of the Study Visit to Austria which took place from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2002”.**

## **RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.**

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**Proposed by Cllr. M. Ring  
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane  
Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Johnny & Mary Conway, 2, Bonville Chase, Dunham, Altrimcham, WA14 4QA, England, on the tragic death of their Son, Brendan, and nephew of Councillor Gerry Coyle”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. P. Sweeney  
Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney  
Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Nora Gibbons, Feenone, Carrowniskey, Louisburgh, on the death of her Husband, James”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape  
Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan  
Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Angela Gilmartin, Killala Road, Ballina, on the death of her Son, David”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape  
Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan  
Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. K. Kilcullen, Station Road, Ballina, on the death of her Husband, Emmet”.**

**The Meeting concluded at 6.55 p.m.**