

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 8th
NOVEMBER, 2004, AT 4.00 p.m.**

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, M. Holmes, M. McNamara, T. Quinn, S. Bourke, 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. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. P. Duggan, Head of Finance, Mr. N. Burke, A/Dir. of Services, Mr. P. Burke, Sen. Engineer, Mr. S. Murphy, Chief Fire Officer, Mr. J. McGovern, Adm. Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams
Seconded by Cllr. John O'Malley

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Teresa Berry & family, Newport Road, Westport, on the death of her Husband, Joe”.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff, associated himself with the Vote of Sympathy passed to the Berry family. He also extended condolences to the family of the late Evan Kennedy who was a former member of the Engineering Staff of Mayo County Council.

ITEM NO. 1.

**MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNIU COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI
AR SIUL AR AN 11u DEIREADH FOMHAIR, 2004, A DEIMHNIU.
TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
11th OCTOBER, 2004.**

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

“Go n-aontaiomar le Miontuairisci Cruinniu Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhi ar siul ar an 11u Deireadh Fomhair, 2004”.

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

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meeting held on 11th October, 2004, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

Cllr. P. McGuinness raised the issue of retention of Planning Permissions.

Cllr. McGuinness was informed by the County Secretary that in the year to date, a total of 3,190 Planning applications were received and, of these, 216 were for retention which amounted to 6.5% approximately. He also stated that most of these applications resulted from minor alterations carried out during the construction of houses.

ITEM NO. 2.

TO APPOINT 9 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO BE MEMBERS OF THE CO. MAYO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. J. Mee, J. Cribbin, E. Staunton, T. Connolly, P. O’Brien, J. Munnely, F. Chambers, P. McHugh and M. McNamara be appointed to be members of the Co. Mayo Vocational Education Committee”.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Mulherin

Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams

Resolved:-

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Education and Science to amend Article 14 of Composition of Vocational Education Committee Regulations, 2004, so that the number of positions to be allocated to members of the minority is merely a minimum number rather than a set number as is currently provided in the Regulations”.

ITEM NO. 3.

TO ARRANGE A DATE FOR THE BUDGET MEETING FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That the Budget Meeting for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 2005, be held on Monday, 10th January, 2005”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That a Special Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 6th December, 2004, at 4.00 p.m., to consider matters relating to Budget 2005”.

ITEM NO. 4.
TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 8th SEPTEMBER, 2004, 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 A SINGLE HOUSE AT BARNAGARRY, KILTIMAGH.

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

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 8th September, 2004, 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 a Single House at Barnagarry, Kiltimagh”.

ITEM NO. 5.
TO ACCEPT INVITATION RECEIVED FROM THE CALDERDALE-MAYO TWIN LINK SOCIETY TO THE CATHAOIRLEACH OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO ATTEND FUNCTION IN CALDERDALE ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2005.

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell
Resolved:-

“That we hereby authorise the attendance of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. E. Staunton, Cllrs. A.F. O’Malley and P. McHugh at Calderdale-Mayo Twin Link Society Function to be held in Calderdale on 11th February, 2005, and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved”.

ITEM NO. 6.
TO AUTHORISE THE ATTEND OF THE CATHAOIRLEACH AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO VISIT U.S.A. FOR ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADES AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS.

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell
Resolved:-

“That we hereby authorise the attendance of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. E. Staunton, Cllrs. John O’Malley and D. Ryan to visit U.S.A. for St. Patrick’s Day Parades and Associated Events and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved”.

ITEM NO. 7.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 13th OCTOBER, 2003 AND 12th JANUARY, 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Water Supply and Sewerage Strategic Policy Committee Meetings held on 13th October, 2003 and 12th January, 2004, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 8.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF CASTLEBAR ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 24th MAY AND 26th JULY, 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Castlebar Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 24th May and 26th July, 2004, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 9.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF CLAREMORRIS ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 1st JUNE, 6th JULY AND 7th SEPTEMBER, 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Claremorris Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 1st June, 6th July and 7th September, 2004, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 10.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF WESTPORT ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 12th JULY AND 16th AUGUST, 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams

Seconded by Cllr. John O'Malley

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Westport Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 12th July and 16th August, 2004, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 11.
TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “IRELAND’S ENVIRONMENT – THE KEY CHALLENGES” – TO BE HELD IN THE HERITAGE HOTEL, PORTLAOISE, CO. LAOIS, ON 11th NOVEMBER, 2004.

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. E. Lavin, S. Bourke and G. Murray be nominated to attend Conference – “Ireland’s Environment – The Key Challenges” – to be held in the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, on 11th November, 2004”.

ITEM NO. 12.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE – “TOURISM – A RELATIONSHIP BUSINESS” – TO BE HELD IN THE FALLS HOTEL, ENNISTYMON, CO. CLARE, FROM 25th TO 27th NOVEMBER, 2004.

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. G. Coyle, H. Kenny, E. Lavin, John O’Malley, S. Weir, S. Bourke, P. McHugh, M. McNamara, G. Murray, Johnnie O’Malley, T. Quinn and A.M. Reape be nominated to attend National Tourism Conference – “Tourism – A Relationship Business” – to be held in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare, from 25th to 27th November, 2004”.

ITEM NO. 13.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS SEMINAR – “NORTH-SOUTH POLITICAL RELATIONS IN THE 21st CENTURY” – TO BE HELD IN THE KILLYHEVLIN HOTEL, ENNISKILLEEN, CO. FERMANAGH, ON 2nd AND 3rd DECEMBER, 2004.

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

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. G. Coyle, S. Bourke, F. Chambers, M. Holmes, T. Quinn, A.M. Reape and H. Walsh be nominated to attend Confederation of European Councillors Seminar – “North-South Political Relations in the 21st Century” – to be held in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskilleen, Co. Fermanagh, on 2nd and 3rd December, 2004”.

Local Authority Members Association Annual Winter Seminar – Dundalk, Co. Louth – 12th and 13th November, 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Mulherin

Seconded by Cllr. S. Weir

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. H. Kenny and E. Lavin be nominated to attend Local Authority Members Association Annual Winter Seminar to be held in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth, on 12th and 13th November, 2004”.

Local Government Management Conference – Cork – 3rd December, 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Munnelly

Seconded by Cllr. T. Connolly

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. E. Lavin be nominated to attend Local Government Management Conference to be held in the Kingsley Hotel, Cork, on 3rd December, 2004”.

Cllr. J. Munnelly raised the issue of the siting of an asbestos recycling plant in the old Asahi premises at Killala.

A detailed discussion took place during which a number of Councillors voiced their total opposition to this plant.

The County Manager informed the Members that no application for Planning Permission had been received in this case and that any such application would be processed in the normal way.

Cllr. M. Adams highlighted the issue of the loss of 325 jobs in the Allergan Plant in Westport.

A detailed discussion took place on the matter.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Quinn

Seconded by Cllr. M. McNamara

Resolved:-

“That a Special Meeting of the Council be held regarding industrial development in the County and that the Chief Executive of IDA Ireland and Udaras na Gaeltachta be invited to attend”.

Cllr. P. McGuinness raised the matter of the withdrawal of 4 Courses from the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology at Castlebar.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mee

Resolved:-

“That this Council calls on the Governing Body of the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology to reject proposals to withdraw Courses from the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology at Castlebar”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.F. O’Malley

Seconded by Cllr. P. O’Brien

Resolved:-

“That this Council seek a Meeting with the Minister for Agriculture regarding the proposed changes in the REP’s Scheme”.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

(a) Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That this Council supports Trocaire’s Keep Our Word Campaign on the UN Millennium Development Goals”.

(b) Proposed by Cllr. A.F. O’Malley

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

“Calling on Mayo County Council to review the position in relation to Fire Brigade Charges which issue to business people who pay rates, considering that their rates charges also includes for the provision of Fire Services”.

(c) Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mellett

Resolved:-

“That Mayo County Council agrees to have the Minutes of all Council Meetings – (Monthly, Special, Area Committee and S.P.C.’s) – circulated to Members within seven working days of the date of the Meeting”.

(d) Proposed by Cllr. J. Munnely

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That this Council will agree to invite the County Childcare Coordinator to present to a Meeting of Mayo County Council an update on the work of the Mayo County Childcare Committee”.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Jim O’Donnell, Tiernaur, Newport, on the death of his Sister”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. O’Brien

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Maureen Feerick & family, Abbey St., Ballinrobe, on the death of her Husband, Emmet”.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Weir

Seconded by Cllr. J. Munnely

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Molloy family, Garracloon, Ballina, on the death of Joan”.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan

Seconded by Cllr. M. McNamara

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Feerick family, Abbey St., Ballinrobe, on the death of Emmet Feerick”.

Proposed by Cllr. Johnnie O’Malley

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Ms. Mary Browne, The Glebe, Church Road, Ballina, on the death of Seamus Browne”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. Johnnie O’Malley

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Molloy family, Garracloon, Cloghans, Ballina, on the death of Joan”.

The Meeting concluded at 6.45 p.m.