

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup>  
MARCH, 2004, AT 4.00 p.m.**

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The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Chambers, 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, C. Burke, B.C. Flynn, T.D., H. Kenny, A. McDonnell, J. Mee, M. Carty, J. Cribbin, R. Finn, P. McHugh, J. Flannery, J. Maloney, J. Mellett, M. Adams, M. Ring, T.D., P. Sweeney.

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. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, Mr. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. I. Douglas, Sen. Planner, Ms. G. Keena, Sen. Ex. Architect, Ms. K. O'Malley-Harlow, Sen. Ex. Planner, Mr. T. McNulty, Sen. Engineer, Mr. P. Duggan, Management Accountant, Mr. R. Maguire, Ex. Architect, Ms. D. Cunningham, Heritage Officer, Mr. P. Brogan, Sen. Staff Officer, Mr. J. Moran, Sen. Staff Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

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Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane  
Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan  
Resolved:-

“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Mr. James Kilbane, Achill, on his success in the “You’re a Star” Competition and that Good Luck be extended to Mr. Chris Doran in the Eurovision Song Contest in May”.

**ITEM NO. 1.**

**MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNITHE COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A  
BHI AR SIUL AR AN 9<sup>u</sup> FEABHRA AGUS 23<sup>u</sup> FEABHRA, 2004.  
TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON  
9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AND 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2004.**

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

“Go n-aontaiomar le Miontuairisci Cruinnithe Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhi ar siul ar an 9<sup>u</sup> Feabhra agus 23<sup>u</sup> Feabhra, 2004”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke  
Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> February and 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2004, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett  
Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers  
Resolved:-

“That Ms. Mary Davis, “Mayo Person of the Year”, be invited to address a Meeting of the Council”.

**ITEM NO. 2.**  
**TO APPROVE OF PREFERRED ROUTE FOR N5 BALLYVARY / BOHOLA ROAD.**

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

Proposed by Cllr. H. Kenny  
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell  
Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of Preferred Route for N5 Ballyvary / Bohola Road, as circulated”.

Cllrs. H. Kenny, A. McDonnell, J. Flannery and J. Mellett requested that the specific concerns of the people involved on this Route be recorded on File.

**ITEM NO. 3.**  
**PRESENTATION BY DR. KEN IRVINE, DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY, TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.**

Dr. Ken Irvine, Department of Zoology, Trinity College, Dublin, gave a Presentation to the Council.

Dr. Irvine and Mr. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, replied to queries raised by the Members.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Dr. Irvine for his Presentation.

**ITEM NO. 4.**  
**(a) TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY MAYO HERITAGE FORUM;**  
**(b) TO NOMINATE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO THE COUNTY MAYO HERITAGE FORUM.**

Mr. J. Loftus, Dir. of Services, and Ms. D. Cunningham, Heritage Officer, outlined details of this Item.

- (a) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane  
Resolved:-  
“That we hereby approve of the establishment of a County Mayo Heritage Forum”.

- (b) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane  
Resolved:-  
“That Cllrs. F. Leneghan, A. McDonnell, P. McHugh, P. Kilbane, J. Mee and J. Flannery be nominated to the County Mayo Heritage Forum”.

**ITEM NO. 5.**  
**TO NOTE REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2003.**

- Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane  
Resolved:-  
“That Report on Rate Collection for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2003, as circulated, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 6.**  
**TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 0.201 ACRES OF LAND AT KNOCK-CROGHERY, CASTLEBAR, TO CASTLEBAR TOWN COUNCIL, MARSH HOUSE, CASTLEBAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2004, ALREADY CIRCULATED.**

- Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee  
Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny  
Resolved:-  
“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.201 acres of Land at Knockcroghery, Castlebar, to Castlebar Town Council, March House, Castlebar, for €100 per annum, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2004, already circulated”.

**ITEM NO. 7.**  
**TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 0.042 HECTARES OF LAND AT BRIDGE STREET, BALLINROBE, TO MR. OWEN R. O’NEILL, BRIDGE STREET, BALLINROBE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2004, ALREADY CIRCULATED.**

- Proposed by Cllr. M. Burke  
Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan  
Resolved:-  
“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.042 hectares of Land at Bridge Street, Ballinrobe, to Mr. Owen R. O’Neill, Bridge Street, Ballinrobe, for the transfer of 0.087 hectares of Land at Abbey Street, Ballinrobe, from Mr. O’Neill to Mayo County Council and the payment of €115,000 by Mr. O’Neill by Mayo County Council, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2004, already circulated”.

**ITEM NO. 8.**  
**TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 3 BEDROOMED FORMER LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSE, WITH GARDEN, AT 7, PEARSE TERRACE, WESTPORT, TO SHARON BRESLIN, FARNAUGHT, WESTPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2004, ALREADY CIRCULATED.**

Proposed by Cllr. F. Chambers

Seconded by Cllr. M. Ring

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 3 Bedroomed former Local Authority House, with garden, at 7, Pearse Terrace, Westport, to Sharon Breslin, Farnaught, Westport, for €155,000.00, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2004, already circulated”.

**ITEM NO. 9.**  
**TO APPROVE PROPOSED PROJECT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIC CENTRE AT TOWN PARK, BELMULLET.**

Mr. R. Maguire, Ex. Architect, gave a Presentation to the Council on this Item.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Quinn

Seconded by Cllr. G. Coyle

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the raising of a Loan of €1,250,000 in respect of proposed Project for the development of Civic Centre at Town Park, Belmullet”.

**ITEM NO. 10.**  
**TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2004, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF BELMULLET CIVIC CENTRE.**

Proposed by Cllr. T. Quinn

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2004, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of Belmullet Civic Centre”.

**ITEM NO. 11.**

- (a) **TO NOTE 2004 NATIONAL ROADS ALLOCATIONS FROM THE NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY;**
- (b) **TO NOTE 2004 NON-NATIONAL ROAD GRANT ALLOCATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

- (a) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane  
Resolved:-  
“That 2004 National Roads Allocations from the National Roads Authority, as circulated, be noted”.
- (b) Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane  
Resolved:-  
“That 2004 Non-National Road Grant Allocations from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, as circulated, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 12.**

**INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS GAMES – CLEVELAND, OHIO – 29<sup>th</sup> JULY TO 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST, 2004.**

The County Manager outlined details of this Item.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane  
Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan  
Resolved:-  
“That we hereby approve of a contribution of €10,000 towards International Childrens Games to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from 29<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2004”.

**ITEM NO. 13.**

**TO NOTE MINUTES OF CLAREMORRIS ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2004.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh  
Seconded by Cllr. R. Finn  
Resolved:-  
“That Minutes of Claremorris Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2004, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 14.**

**TO NOTE MINUTES OF CASTLEBAR ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2004.**

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell  
Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny  
Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Castlebar Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2004, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 15.**

**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND ANNUAL HOUSING PRACTITIONERS CONFERENCE 2004 – “CHARTING THE FUTURE OF SOCIAL HOUSING” – TO BE HELD IN KNOCKRANNEY HOUSE HOTEL, WESTPORT, ON 11<sup>th</sup> AND 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2004.**

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

**ITEM NO. 16.**

**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “THE ROLE OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES IN PROMOTING POLITICAL AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS” – TO BE HELD IN THE DUHALLOW PARK HOTEL, KILLARNEY ROAD, KANTURK, CO. CORK, FROM 18<sup>th</sup> TO 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2004.**

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. S. Bourke, M. Carty, F. Leneghan, J. Maloney, P. McHugh, S. Molloy, D. Ryan, R. Finn, E. Caffrey, J. Cribbin, P. Kilbane, J. Mannion, M. Ring, T.D., and S. Weir be nominated to attend Conference – “The Role of Public Representatives in promoting political awareness in Schools” – to be held in the Duhallow Park Hotel, Killarney Road, Kanturk, Co. Cork, from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2004”.

**ITEM NO. 17.**

**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “IRELAND’S POSITION IN THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN REGIONAL POLICY” – TO BE HELD IN THE SHANNON OAKS HOTEL AND COUNTRY CLUB, PORTUMNA, CO. GALWAY, ON 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2004.**

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

Proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. R. Finn be nominated to attend Conference – “Ireland’s Position in the Future of European Regional Policy” – to be held in the Shannon Oaks Hotel and Country Club, Portumna, Co. Galway, on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2004”.

**ITEM NO. 18.**  
**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATEND**  
**CONFERENCE – “ENHANCING LOCAL DEMOCRACY – THE ROLE OF THE**  
**LOCAL COUNCILLOR IN IRELAND” – TO BE HELD IN UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE, CORK, ON 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2004.**

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

**ITEM NO. 19.**  
**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND LOCAL**  
**AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE**  
**HELD IN THE WEST COUNTY HOTEL CONFERENCE AND LEISURE**  
**CENTRE, ENNIS, CO. CLARE, ON 15<sup>th</sup> AND 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2004.**

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. M. Adams, F. Leneghan, T. Quinn, A.M. Reape, C. Burke, E. Caffrey, G. Coyle, J. Cribbin, P. Kilbane, J. Mannion and M. Ring, T.D., be nominated to attend Local Authority Members Association Annual Conference to be held in the West County Hotel Conference and Leisure Centre, Ennis, Co. Clare, on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2004”.

**ITEM NO. 20.**  
**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND**  
**EUROPEADE CONFERENCE 2004 TO BE HELD IN HOTEL WESTPORT,**  
**WESTPORT, CO. MAYO, ON 22<sup>nd</sup> AND 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, 2004.**

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

**ITEM NO. 21.**  
**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND ENVIRON-**  
**MENTAL CONFERENCE – “PROTECTING OUR NATURAL HERITAGE :**  
**WHAT WILL BE OUR LEGACY?” – TO BE HELD IN THE CARRIGALINE**  
**COURT HOTEL, CARRIGALINE, CO. CORK, ON 22<sup>nd</sup> AND 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, 2004.**

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

**“That Cllrs. M. Adams, S. Bourke, J. Maloney, P. McHugh, S. Molloy, A.M. Reape, D. Ryan, C. Burke, M. Burke, E. Caffrey, G. Coyle, M. Ring, T.D., and S. Weir be nominated to attend Environmental Conference – “Protecting Our Natural Heritage – What Will Be Our Legacy?” – to be held in the Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Co. Cork, on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2004”.**

**Association of Health Boards in Ireland Annual Conference – Tullamore, Co. Offaly – 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2004.**

**Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane**

**Resolved:-**

**“That Cllrs. M. Adams, M. Carty, F. Leneghan, J. Maloney, A. McDonnell, P. McHugh, A.M. Reape, R. Finn, G. Coyle and M. Ring, T.D., be nominated to attend Association of Health Boards in Ireland Annual Conference – “Health Services in Ireland – Current Issues” – to be held in the Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2004”.**

**International Peace Conference – Tipperary Town – 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2004.**

**Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane**

**Seconded by Cllr. G. Coyle**

**Resolved:-**

**“That Cllr. M. Ring, T.D., be nominated to attend International Peace Conference – “Peace On Earth” – to be held in Tipperary Town from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2004”.**

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION.**

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- (a) **Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh**  
**Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell**  
**“That Mayo County Council on the appointment of a new sports officer in the county, would examine the feasibility of the building of a tartan track within the County of Mayo to service the needs of our Athletes. This should be done in conjunction with the Mayo Athletic clubs”.**
- (b) **“What progress has been made to date with the provision of housing for our emigrants and what procedures, if any, have been put in place to include them on our housing list for serious consideration”.**

**It was agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the April Meeting of the Council.**



- (c) **“The Members of Mayo County Council hereby resolve to delete the appropriate part of Section 4.16.3 Page 100 of the Mayo County Development Plan which requires all suitably qualified personnel i.e. Architects and Engineers to have Public Liability Insurance”.**

**It was agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the April Meeting of the Council.**

**VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS.**  
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**Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle  
Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan  
Resolved:-**

**“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Erris United on their win against Cork City in the FAI Under-18 Cup Competition”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett  
Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney  
Resolved:-**

**“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Mr. Steven Walsh, Midfield, Swinford, who won a Silver Medal in the Three A’s International Hurdling Event in Birmingham”.**

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.**  
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**Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett  
Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney  
Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the McEvaddy family, Cloonlara House, Swinford, on the death of Mrs. Margaret McEvaddy”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett  
Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney  
Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Moore family, Sancta Maria Terrace, Swinford, on the death of Mrs. Eileen Moore”.**

**The Meeting concluded at 7.00 p.m.**