

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING (SPECIAL)  
(DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME) HELD ON MONDAY, 23rd  
FEBRUARY, 2004, AT 5.00 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, P. Kilbane, F. Leneghan, T. Quinn, C. Burke, Beverley Cooper-Flynn, T.D., H. Kenny, A. McDonnell, J. Mee, J. Cribbin, R. Finn, P. McHugh, J. Flannery, J. Maloney, J. Mellett, G. Murray, M. Adams, M. Ring, T.D., P. Sweeney, M. Carty, G. Coyle

The Council Officials in attendance were:-

Mr. D. Mahon, Co. Manager, Mr. J. Loftus, Dir. of Services, Mr. J. Condon, Meetings Administrator, Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, Mr. P. Benson, A/Dir. Of Services, Mr. R. Norton, Dir. Of Services, Mr. I. Douglas, Sen. Planner, Ms. Kitty O'Malley- Harlow, Sen. Executive Planner, Mr. J. McMyler, Sen. Executive Planner, Mr. Michael Browne, Solicitor, Mr. J. Moran, Sen. Staff Officer, Ms. C. Lynch, T/Clerical Officer.

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Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That a Vote of congratulations of the Council be extended to James Kilbane on his success in the ‘You’re A Star Competition’”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the family of the late Mr Simon J. Kelly, Galway”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the King Family, Castlebar”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Cllr. Joe Mellett and his family, on the death of his mother”.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff, associated himself with the Votes of Sympathy and Congratulations passed.

**ITEM NO. 1.**  
**TO CONSIDER DRAFT MAYO DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME**  
**(ALREADY CIRCULATED) AND COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT DATED 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**FEBRUARY, 2004, (ALREADY CIRCULATED).**

Mr. D. Mahon, County Manager, outlined the information requested by, and subsequently circulated to, the members at their meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2004.

Mr. I. Douglas, Senior Planner, presented details of the draft Development Contribution Scheme, the Manager's Report to the Members, and the further information requested on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2004 to the members.

The Members discussed the Draft Development Contribution Scheme and the Manager's Report, current charges being attached to grants of planning permission. An amended scheme was presented to the members.

Again, the Members were concerned that the charges proposed were excessive, particularly in relation to first time buyers and extractive industry in the county. Concerns were raised about charges be made on a retrospective basis. The members were concerned about charges in rural areas where services were not available.

The time being 6.30 p.m.:

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Burke that the meeting be for a short period to allow discussion outside the chamber.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. P. Sweeney.

The meeting resumed at 7.15 p.m.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Mc Hugh that water charges of €1,000 and sewage charges of €1,500 should be made.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane that no charges should be levied on rural houses, and that the proposed road deposit should be removed from the scheme.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. M. Burke.

Following discussion the scheme was agreed.

The Meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.

