

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY, 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, G. Murray, M. Adams, M. Ring, T.D.

Apology received from Cllr. P. Sweeney for inability to attend the Meeting.

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. Benson, A/Dir. of Services, Mr. P. Burke, Sen. Engineer, Mr. M. Keating, Sen. Ex. Officer, Mr. P. Flanagan, Sen. Ex. Officer, Mr. J. Moran, Sen. Staff Officer, Mr. P. Brogan, Sen. Staff Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

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Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That this Council supports the campaign for Official Status for Irish in the European Union and that we will write to the Taoiseach, Minister Brian Cowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Minister Eamon O Cuiv (Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs), and Minister Dick Roche (Minister of State with special responsibility for European Affairs)”.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Ring

Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke

Resolved:-

“That the Chief Executive of IDA Ireland, Mr. Sean Dorgan, be invited to address a Meeting of the Council”.

**ITEM NO. 1.**

**MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNITHE COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI AR SIUL AR AN 12<sup>u</sup> EANAIR, 19<sup>u</sup> EANAIR AGUS 23<sup>u</sup> EANAIR, 2004, A DEIMHNIU.**

**TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY AND 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY, 2004.**

Mhol Comhairleoir P. McHugh

Chuid Comhairleoir P. Kilbane leis

Ghlacu leis an tairiscint:-

**“Go n-aontaiomar le Miontuairisci Cruinnithe Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhi ar siul ar an 12u Eanair, 19u Eanair agus 23u Eanair, 2004”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane**

**Resolved:-**

**“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 19<sup>th</sup> January and 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2004, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.**

**Referring to Minute No. 35/04 of 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2004, it was -**

**Proposed by Cllr. S. Weir**

**Seconded by Cllr. E. Staunton**

**Resolved:-**

**“That public transport be provided and administered by the Council in rural areas”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Chambers**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh**

**Resolved:-**

**“That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Ms. Mary Davis, Chief Executive Officer, Special Olympics, on being nominated “Mayo Person of the Year”.**

**ITEM NO. 2.**

**TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF DERELICT PROPERTY OF CIRCA 85 SQUARE METRES AT AMERICAN STREET, BELMULLET, CO. MAYO, TO HENEGHAN & SONS (BLACKSOD) LTD., TARMON, BLACKSOD, BALLINA, CO. MAYO, IN ACORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2004, ALREADY CIRCULATED.**

**Proposed by Cllr. T. Quinn**

**Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan**

**Resolved:-**

**“That we hereby approve of the disposal of derelict property of circa 85 square metres at American Street, Belmullet, Co. Mayo, to Heneghan & Sons (Blacksod) Ltd., Tarmon, Blacksod, Ballina, Co. Mayo, for €50,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2004, already circulated”.**

**ITEM NO. 3.**  
**TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 0.063 ACRES OF LAND AT MARKET STREET, SWINFORD, TO MS. MARY CAMPBELL, c/o JOHN HALLIGAN ARCHITECTS, BARRACK STREET, CHARLESTOWN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2004, ALREADY CIRCULATED.**

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

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.063 acres of Land at Market Street, Swinford, to Ms. Mary Campbell, c/o John Halligan Architects, Barrack Street, Charlestown, for €150,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2004, already circulated”.

**ITEM NO. 4.**  
**TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 0.189 ACRES OF LAND AT LAVEY BEG, CHARLESTOWN, TO CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CHILDCARE LTD., IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2004, ALREADY CIRCULATED.**

Proposed by Cllr. M. Burke  
Seconded by Cllr. E. Staunton  
Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.189 acres of Land at Lavey Beg, Charlestown, to Charlestown Community Childcare Ltd., for an Annual rent of €100 per annum, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2004, already circulated”.

**ITEM NO. 5.**  
**TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 0.2016 ACRES OF LAND AT DRUMCONLON, CASTLEBAR, TO MR. SEAMUS REGAN, MARYLAND, CASTLEBAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2004, ALREADY CIRCULATED.**

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

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.2016 acres of Land at Drumconlon, Castlebar, to Mr. Seamus Regan, Maryland, Castlebar, for the transfer of 0.051 acres of Land at Drumconlon, Castlebar, from Mr. Regan, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2004, already circulated”.

**ITEM NO. 6.**  
**TO CONSIDER DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME AND**  
**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT THEREON.**

Proposed by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That a Special Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2004, at 5.00 p.m., to discuss this Item”.

**ITEM NO. 7.**  
**TO MAKE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME.**

Proposed by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That a Special Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2004, at 5.00 p.m., to discuss this Item”.

**ITEM NO. 8.**  
**TO ACCEPT INVITATION RECEIVED BY THE CATHAOIRLEACH TO**  
**ATTEND MAYO REUNION FUNCTION IN LIVERPOOL ON 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, 2004.**

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That we hereby authorise the attendance of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Chambers, at Mayo Reunion Function to be held in Liverpool on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2004, and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved”.

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2003, 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 3 HOUSE DEVELOPMENT AT**  
**TOOCANANAGH, BOHOLA.**

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2003, 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 3 House Development at Toocananagh, Bohola”.

**ITEM NO. 10.**

**TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2003, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. DWELLINGHOUSE AT SALIA, ACHILL, CO. MAYO, AND 1 NO. DWELLINGHOUSE AT DOONA, BALLYCROY, CO. MAYO.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Seconded by Cllr. F. Leneghan

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2003, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of the construction of 1 No. dwellinghouse at Salia, Achill, Co. Mayo, and 1 No. dwellinghouse at Doona, Ballycroy, Co. Mayo”.

**ITEM NO. 11.**

**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 THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. DWELLINGHOUSE AT TALLAGH, BELMULLET, CO. MAYO.**

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 the construction of 1 No. dwellinghouse at Tallagh, Belmullet, Co. Mayo”.

**ITEM NO. 12.**

**TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT DRAFT SCHEME OF ALLOCATION PRIORITIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, outlined details of the Draft Scheme of Allocation Priorities for Affordable Housing.

A detailed discussion took place on this Item.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Draft Scheme of Allocation Priorities for Affordable Housing”.

**ITEM NO. 13.**  
**TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT REVISION OF DISABLED PERSONS GRANT AND ESSENTIAL REPAIRS GRANTS SCHEMES.**

Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, outlined details of the Revision of Disabled Persons Grant and Essential Repairs Grants Schemes.

A detailed discussion took place on this Item.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Revision of Disabled Persons Grant and Essential Repairs Grants Schemes”.

**ITEM NO. 14.**  
**TO RATIFY THE NOMINATION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CLAR LAKE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. R. Finn be nominated to the Board of Directors of Clar Lake Development Committee”.

**ITEM NO. 15.**  
**TO NOTE MINUTES OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2003.**

Proposed by Cllr. M. Burke

Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Water Supply and Sewerage Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2003, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 16.**  
**TO NOTE MINUTES OF CLAREMORRIS ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER, 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER AND 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2003.**

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. R. Finn

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Claremorris Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2003, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 17.**  
**TO NOTE MINUTES OF SWINFORD ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2003.**

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett  
Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Swinford Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2003, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 18.**  
**TO NOTE MINUTES OF BALLINA ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**MEETINGS HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER AND 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2003.**

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape  
Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Ballina Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2003, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 19.**  
**TO NOTE MINUTES OF BELMULLET ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**MEETINGS HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER AND 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2003.**

Proposed by Cllr. F. Leneghan  
Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Belmullet Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> November and 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2003, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 20.**  
**TO NOTE MINUTES OF CASTLEBAR ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2003.**

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonnell  
Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Castlebar Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2003, be noted”.

**ITEM NO. 21.**  
**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND**  
**CONFERENCE – “GROWING TOURISM TOGETHER” – TO BE HELD IN THE**  
**SEVEN OAKS HOTEL, CARLOW, ON 26<sup>th</sup> AND 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 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. B. Golden, J. Maloney and E. Caffrey be nominated to attend Conference – “Growing Tourism Together” – to be held in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow, on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2004”.

**ITEM NO. 22.**

**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL CONFERENCE – “SHOULD PUBLIC SERVICES BE SUPPLIED BY DIRECT PROVISION OR BY CONTRACTING TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE?” – TO BE HELD IN THE COLMCILLE HERITAGE CENTRE, GARTAN, CHURCHILL, LETTERKENNY, CO. DONEGAL, FROM 27<sup>th</sup> TO 29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 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. S. Bourke, M. Carty, F. Leneghan, P. McHugh, S. Molloy, D. Ryan, R. Finn, M. Burke, J. Cribbin, P. Kilbane, J. Mannion, M. Ring, T.D., E. Staunton and S. Weir be nominated to attend Colmcille Winter School Conference – “Should Public Services be supplied by Direct Provision or by Contracting to Private Enterprise?” – to be held in the Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2004”.

**ITEM NO. 23.**

**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND TOURISM CONFERENCE – “OUR TOURISM – NEW OPPORTUNITIES OR NEW THREATS?” – TO BE HELD IN THE DUNADRY HOTEL & COUNTRY CLUB, MUCKAMORE, DUNADRY, CO. ANTRIM, FROM 27<sup>th</sup> TO 29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2004.**

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. H. Kenny be nominated to attend Tourism Conference – “Our Tourism – New Opportunities or New Threats?” – to be held in the Dunadry Hotel & Country Club, Muckamore, Dunadry, Co. Antrim, from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2004”.



**ITEM NO. 24.**

**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2004 TO BE HELD IN THE NEWPARK HOTEL, KILKENNY, FROM 11<sup>th</sup> TO 13<sup>th</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. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. M. Adams, S. Bourke, M. Carty, B. Golden, F. Leneghan, J. Maloney, P. McHugh, S. Molloy, D. Ryan, E. Caffrey, G. Coyle, J. Cribbin, H. Kenny, P. Kilbane, J. Mannion, E. Staunton and S. Weir be nominated to attend General Council of County Councils Annual Conference 2004 to be held in the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny, from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2004”.

**NOTICES OF MOTION.**

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(a) Proposed by Cllr. R. Finn  
Seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan

“As pertains in other Counties, that Mayo Co. Council as part of its planning consultation process, introduce the principle of “Prior Notice” in relation to Planning Applications where Members of Mayo Co. Council have observations to make on behalf of applicants”.

(b) Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett  
Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams

“Asking Mayo County Council if they have any policy in relation to the use of Jet Skis on the Lakes and Waterways in the county and if they intend introducing By Laws to curtail the use of Jet Skis and to give the numbers of fatalities and accidents caused by Jet Skis in the county for the past five years”.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Ring  
Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney

Resolved:-

“That the April Meeting of the Council be held in Newport”.

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

Resolved:-

“That Best Wishes and Congratulations be extended to Gary O’Malley, Westport and James Kilbane, Achill, on their performances in “You’re a Star”.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.**  
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**Proposed by Cllr. S. Weir**

**Seconded by Cllr. S. Molloy**

**Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Hughes family, Coolcran, Foxford, on the death of John Hughes”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. S. Weir**

**Seconded by Cllr. E. Caffrey**

**Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Colman family, Carramore, Cloghans, Ballina, on the death of Joe”.**

**Proposed by Cllr. S. Weir**

**Seconded by Cllr. E. Caffrey**

**Resolved:-**

**“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the McShane family, Coolcran, Cloghans, Ballina, on the death of Terence”.**

**The Meeting concluded at 6.45 p.m.**