

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 12th JANUARY, 2004, AT 4.00 p.m.**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Chambers, was in the Chair.

The other Councillors present were:-

Cllrs. E. Caffrey, 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., 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. T. Mullen, Head of Finance, Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, Mr. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, Mr. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. J. Coll, Director, Comm. and Enterprise, Mr. S. Murphy, Chief Fire Officer, Mr. P. Duggan, Management Accountant, Ms. E. McCormack, Financial Accountant, Mr. M. Keating, Sen. Ex. Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke

Resolved:-

“That this Meeting be adjourned until 5.00 p.m., in order to allow the Monthly Meeting to continue”.

The time being 5.00 p.m., it was -

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke

Resolved:-

“That this Meeting be further adjourned until 5.30 p.m., in order to allow the Monthly Meeting to continue”.

The time being 5.30 p.m., it was -

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke

Resolved:-

“That this Meeting be further adjourned until 6.00 p.m.”.

The time being 6.00 p.m., it was -

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke

Resolved:-

“That this Meeting be further adjourned until 6.30 p.m.”.

The time being 6.25 p.m., it was -

Proposed by Cllr. F. Chambers

Seconded by Cllr. M. Burke

Resolved:-

“That this Meeting be further adjourned until 7.00 p.m.”.

ITEM NO. 1.

- TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2004, AND
 - TO ADOPT THE SAID BUDGET WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENT;
 - TO DETERMINE BY RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAID BUDGET AS ADOPTED THE ANNUAL RATE TO BE LEVIED FOR THE PURPOSES SET OUT IN TABLE B OF THE SAID BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2004, AND
 - TO DETERMINE BY RESOLUTION THE CHARGES TO BE MADE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN RESPECT OF DOMESTIC PREMISES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE AND FIRE BRIGADE SERVICE.
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The County Manager outlined details of the Budget of Mayo County Council for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 2004. He made reference to the following matters:-

- An estimate of €113,739,608 Revenue Expenditure was envisaged for the year;
- Rates on Commercial and Industrial property is estimated at €9,761,084 whilst the Council’s Demands on Town Councils is estimated at €1,995,816.

The County Manager stated that the Budget 2004 is prepared in the context of:-

- (a) Maintaining County Mayo as a competitive location for investment;
- (b) Maintaining essential services at a high standard and a reasonable cost;
- (c) As 61% of our operating expenditure is grant related, maximising the Exchequer and EU Funding Programmes;
- (d) Conscious of our need to be pro-active in our social inclusion policies.

He also pointed out that the County Rate on commercial and industrial property is proposed at €60.99 in the €, an increase of 6% over the current rate of €57.54.

PROGRAMME GROUP 1 - HOUSING AND BUILDING.

Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, outlined details of Programme Group 1 – Housing and Building.

A detailed discussion took place on this Programme Group during which reference was made to the following:-

- Tooraree Housing Estate, Ballyhaunis;
- The Voluntary Housing Programme;
- Social Housing Schemes;
- Planned Maintenance Scheme;
- Disabled Persons Grants and Essential Repairs Grants;

The time being 8.00 p.m., it was -

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That “Standing Orders” be suspended in order to allow the Meeting to continue”.

- The quality of houses constructed by the Council;
- Shared Ownership and Housing Loans;
- Affordable Housing;
- The Traveller Accommodation Plan;
- The number of house starts in the County.

Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services and Mr. T. Mullen, Head of Finance, replied to queries raised by the Members under this Programme Group.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. P. Kilbane

Resolved:-

“That the next Budget Meeting be held on Monday, 19th January, 2004, at 3.00 p.m.”.

The Meeting adjourned at 9.15 p.m.