

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11th
APRIL, 2005, AT 4.00 p.m.**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. E. Staunton, was in the Chair.

The other Councillors present were:-

Cllrs. M. Mulherin, J. Munnelly, Johnnie O'Malley, A.M. Reape, S. Weir, P. O'Brien, D. Ryan, H. Walsh, G. Coyle, M. Holmes, M. McNamara, 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. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, Mr. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. J. Coll, Dir., Comm. & Enterprise, Mr. P. Duggan, Head of Finance, Ms. E. McCormack, Financial Accountant, Mr. M. Lyons, Sen. Ex. Engineer, Mr. M. Keating, Sen. Ex. Officer, Mr. P. Brogan, Sen. Staff Officer, Mr. J. Moran, Sen. Staff Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

At the outset of the Meeting, it was agreed to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect to the late Pope John Paul II.

Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara

Seconded by Cllr. G. Coyle

Resolved:-

"That a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Councillor Tim Quinn and Mr. Ian McAndrew on their successful re-election to the Board of Udaras na Gaeltachta".

ITEM NO. 1.

**MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNIU COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI
AR SIUL AR AN 21^u MARTA, 2005, A DEIMHNIU.**

**TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
21st MARCH, 2005.**

Mhol Comhairleoir P. McGuinness

Chuid Comhairleoir A. McDonnell leis

Ghlacu leis an tairiscint:-

"Go n-aontaíomar le Miontuairisci Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh a bhi ar siul ar an 21^u Marta, 2005".

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

"That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meeting held on 21st March, 2005, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record".

PRESENTATION BY MR. LIAM SCOLLAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, KNOCK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

Mr. Joe Kennedy, Chairman, Board of Director, Knock International Airport, was in attendance. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to make a Presentation and for the Council's commitment to the Airport.

Mr. Liam Scollan, Chief Executive, Knock International Airport, gave a Presentation outlining the present and future targets and expansion plans for the Airport.

Following the Presentation, queries raised by the Members were replied to by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Scollan.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Scollan for their Presentation.

ITEM NO. 3.
TO CONSIDER ROADWORKS SCHEME FOR 2005.

Mr. J. Beirne, Dir. of Services / Co. Engineer, outlined details of the Roadworks Scheme for 2005.

Following a detailed discussion, it was -

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

"That the Roadworks Scheme for 2005, as circulated, be adopted".

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle
Seconded by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Resolved:-

"That the R312 Road be reclassified as a Strategic Non-National Road".

ITEM NO. 4.
TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 0.14 ACRES OF LAND AT
ALTAMOUNT STREET, WESTPORT (FORMER FIRE STATION SITE) TO
WESTPORT TOWN COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 14th
MARCH, 2005, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Adams
Seconded by Cllr. A.F. O'Malley
Resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.14 acres of Land at Altamount Street, Westport (former Fire Station Site) to Westport Town Council, for €200,000, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 14th March, 2005, already circulated".

ITEM NO. 5.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF 3 BEDROOMED SEMI-DETACHED 2 STOREY DWELLING HOUSE AT NO. 11, MOYVIEW, FOXFORD, CO. MAYO, TO GERRY & SIOBHAN MORAN, 11, MOYVIEW, FOXFORD, CO. MAYO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 21st MARCH, 2005, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Maloney

Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of 3 Bedroomed semi-detached 2 storey dwelling house at No. 11, Moyview, Foxford, Co. Mayo, to Gerry & Siobhan Moran, 11, Moyview, Foxford, Co. Mayo, for €35,544.17, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 21st March, 2005, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 6.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF DWELLING AT 11, VICTORIA PLACE, CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO, TO PAUL & MAUREEN GRAHAM, 11, VICTORIA PLACE, CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 24th MARCH, 2005, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. C. Burke

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal of dwelling at 11, Victoria Place, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, to Paul & Maureen Graham, 11, Victoria Place, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, for €51,035.68, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Notice dated 24th March, 2005, already circulated”.

ITEM NO. 7.

TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 3rd MARCH, 2005, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN RESPECT OF PROPOSAL TO PROCEED WITH THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:-

- (a) **CONSTRUCT DWELLINGHOUSE, SEPTIC TANK AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT POLLATHOMAS, BELMULLET, CO. MAYO;**
- (b) **CONSTRUCT DWELLINGHOUSE, SEPTIC TANK AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT ROSDOAGH, ROSSPORT, CO. MAYO;**

- (c) CONSTRUCT DWELLINGHOUSE, SEPTIC TANK, TREATMENT UNIT AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT DRUMSLIDE, BALLYCROY, CO. MAYO;
- (d) CONSTRUCT DWELLINGHOUSE AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT BELLANSALLY, ACHILL, CO. MAYO.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle
Seconded by Cllr. M. McNamara
Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 3rd March, 2005, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of proposal to proceed with the following developments:-

- (a) Construct dwellinghouse, septic tank and ancillary works at Pollathomas, Belmullet, Co. Mayo;
- (b) Construct dwellinghouse, septic tank and ancillary works at Rosdoagh, Rossport, Co. Mayo;
- (c) Construct dwellinghouse, septic tank, treatment unit and ancillary works at Drumslope, Ballycroy, Co. Mayo;
- (d) Construct dwellinghouse and ancillary works at Bellansally, Achill, Co. Mayo”.

ITEM NO. 8.
TO ADOPT DRAFT TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PLAN 2005 – 2008.

Mr. P. Hynes, Dir. of Services, outlined details of the Draft Traveller Accommodation Plan 2005 – 2008.

Following discussion, it was -

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh
Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Draft Traveller Accommodation Plan 2005 – 2008, as circulated”.

ITEM NO. 9.
TO ACCEPT INVITATION RECEIVED BY THE CATHAOIRLEACH TO ATTEND MAYO ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON 1st MAY, 2005.

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That we hereby authorise the attendance of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. E. Staunton, at Philadelphia Centennial Celebration to be held in Philadelphia, U.S.A., on 1st May, 2005, and the necessary expenditure is hereby approved”.

ITEM NO. 10.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15th DECEMBER, 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. Johnnie O'Malley

Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Environmental Policy and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 15th December, 2004, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 11.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF CULTURAL, EDUCATION, HERITAGE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19th JANUARY, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. J. Munnelly

Resolved

“That Minutes of Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 19th January, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 12.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF BALLINA ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 9th MARCH, 2004, 13th APRIL, 2004, 11th MAY, 2004, 2nd NOVEMBER, 2004, 16th DECEMBER, 2004 AND 12th JANUARY, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. S. Weir

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Ballina Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 9th March, 2004, 13th April, 2004, 11th May, 2004, 2nd November, 2004, 16th December, 2004 and 12th January, 2005, be noted”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. T. Connolly

Resolved:-

“That the May Meeting of the Council be held in Crossmolina”.

ITEM NO. 13.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF CASTLEBAR ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24th JANUARY, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Castlebar Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 24th January, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 14.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF BELMULLET ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26th JANUARY, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle

Seconded by Cllr. M. McNamara

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Belmullet Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 26th January, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 15.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY – IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT POST 2006” – TO BE HELD IN THE KILKEE BAY HOTEL, KILKEE, CO. CLARE, ON 14th & 15th APRIL, 2005.

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, KANTURK, CO. CORK, FROM 21st TO 24th APRIL, 2005.

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. T. Connolly, G. Coyle, J. Cribbin, H. Kenny, P. O’Brien, A.F. O’Malley, John O’Malley, S. Weir, M. Adams, M. Carty and M. McNamara be nominated to attend Conference – “The Role of Public Representatives in Promoting Political Awareness in Schools” – to be held in the Duhallow Park Hotel, Kanturk, Co. Cork, from 21st to 24th April, 2005”.

ITEM NO. 17.

**TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND
CONFERENCE – “INNOVATION : THE KEY TO REGIONAL
COMPETITIVENESS” – TO BE HELD IN THE TULLAMORE COURT HOTEL,
TULLAMORE, CO. OFFALY, ON 5th MAY, 2005.**

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

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. T. Connolly

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs C. Burke and G. Murray be nominated to attend Conference – “Innovation : The Key To Regional Competitiveness” – to be held in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, on 5th May, 2005”.

Conference – Carrigaline, Co. Cork – 21st and 22nd April, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. H. Walsh be nominated to attend Environmental Conference – “Air Pollution” – to be held in the Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Co. Cork, on 21st and 22nd April, 2005”.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

- (a) Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara
Seconded by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Resolved:-

“Calling on MCC to make information available, as requested by members of the public, on road safety material, safety procedures and speed restrictions on recent paving work on the N59”.

A brief discussion took place during which a number of speakers publicly expressed their sympathy to the Gallagher family on their recent bereavement.

- (b) Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Seconded by Cllr. G. Coyle

Resolved:-

“That Mayo County Council calls on the Government to ensure that fibre optic cable is laid along the entire length of the gas pipe line from Erris and also that the feasibility of the undergrounding of E.S.B. and Eircom cables during the pipe laying be investigated”.

- (c) Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Seconded by Cllr. J. Munnelly
Resolved:-
“This Council resolves that the Disability Bill 2004 is seriously inadequate and defective. As it stands, the Bill will do nothing to improve the lives of people with disabilities or their families; it will not meet the widespread demand for basic rights; and it will force people with disabilities into a bureaucratic nightmare in the search for essential services”.
- (d) Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle
Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny
Resolved:-
“Asking Mayo County Council for all reports and surveys they may have on all regional and secondary roads in the county”.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Cribbin
Seconded by Cllr. P. McGuinness
Resolved:-
“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Morley family, Knox Street, Ballyhaunis, on the death of Michael Morley”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Cribbin
Seconded by Cllr. P. O’Brien
Resolved:-
“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Regan family, Cloonbane, Brackens, Claremorris, on the death of Dan Regan”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett
Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin
Resolved:-
“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Walsh family, Ardcarra, Bohola, on the death of Michael Walsh”.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Lavin
Seconded by Cllr. J. Mellett
Resolved:-
“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Matthew & Christine Peacock & family, Ardlee, Swinford, on the death of their Son, Daniel”.

The Meeting concluded at 7.45 p.m.