

MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10th JANUARY, 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, T. Quinn, 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,

Apology received from Cllr. J. Mee 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. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, Mr. R. Norton, Dir. of Services, Mr. J. Coll, Dir., Comm. & Enterprise, Mr. P. Duggan, Head of Finance, Mr. S. Murphy, Chief Fire Officer, Mr. M. Mongan, Sen. Engineer, Mr. P. Mahon, Sen. Engineer, Mr. M. Lyons, Sen. Ex. Engineer, Ms. E. McCormack, Financial Accountant, Mr. P. Flanagan, Sen. Ex. Officer, Mr. J. McGovern, A/Head of I.S., Mr. J. Walsh, Adm. Officer, Mr. S. Walsh, A/Arts Officer, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

ITEM NO. 1.

MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNITHE COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI AR SIUL AR AN 6^u MI NA NOLLAG AGUS 13^u MI NA NOLLAG, 2004, A DEIMHNIU.

TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 6th DECEMBER AND 13th DECEMBER, 2004.

Mhol Comhairleoir P. McGuinness
Chuid Comhairleoir A. McDonnell leis
Ghlacu leis an tairiscint:-

“Go n-aontaíomar le Miontuairisci Cruinnithe Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhi ar siul ar an 6^u Mi na Nollag agus 13^u Mi na Nollag, 2004”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meetings held on 6th December and 13th December, 2004, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

ITEM NO. 2.

ETHICS FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Mr. J. Condon, Meetings Administrator, informed the Members that the Annual Declaration Forms which had been issued to them as required by the Ethics Framework for Local Authorities contained in the Local Government Act, 2001, had to be completed and returned by 28th February, 2005.

ITEM NO. 3.

LOCAL ELECTIONS (DISCLOSURE OF DONATIONS AND EXPENDITURE ACT) 1999.

Mr. J. Condon, Meetings Administrator, reminded the Elected Members that the Annual Return in respect of Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure Act) 1999, had to be completed and returned by 31st January, 2005, and that there were serious consequences for not making this Declaration.

ITEM NO. 4.

TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY.

Proposed by Cllr. C. Burke

Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny

Resolved:-

“That Councillor Paddy McGuinness be elected to represent Mayo County Council on the Governing Authority, University of Ireland, Galway, for the 4 years ending 31st January, 2009”.

ITEM NO. 5.

TO APPROVE AMENDED SCHEDULE OF SPEED LIMITS ON NATIONAL AND NON-NATIONAL ROADS.

Following discussion, it was -

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve Amended Schedule of Speed Limits on National and Non-National Roads”.

Proposed by Cllr. C. Burke

Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve Amended Schedule of Speed Limits on National and Non-National Roads and that the matter be reviewed in 3 months”.

Mr. J. Beirne, Dir. of Services / Co. Engineer stated that the matter could be reviewed in 3 months pending receipt of guidelines from the Minister for Transport.

Cllrs. A. McDonnell and J. Mee dissented from the above Resolutions.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Staunton

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Michael Lyons, Senior Executive Engineer, Mayo County Council, on the death of his Mother”.

ITEM NO. 6.

TO APPROVE OF THE DISPOSAL OF .148 ACRES OF LAND AT RIVERSIDE, SWINFORD, TO SWINFORD HANDBALL CLUB IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTICE DATED 21st DECEMBER, 2004, ALREADY CIRCULATED.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. J. Maloney

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the disposal, by way of a standard 25 year Sporting Lease, of .148 acres of Land at Riverside, Swinford, to Swinford Handball Club, for an annual rent of €100 per annum, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Notice dated 21st December, 2004, already circulated and subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) That if the Land is not developed within a period of 2 years, it will revert to the Local Authority;
- (b) That if during the period of the 25 year Lease, the Land ceases to be used for the purpose of the Lease, it will revert automatically to the Local Authority”.

ITEM NO. 7.

PADRAIG PEARSE AWARD 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. M. Adams

Resolved:-

“That this Item be deferred to the February, 2005, Meeting of the Council”.

ITEM NO. 8.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF BELMULLET ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1st SEPTEMBER, 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coyle

Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Belmullet Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 1st September, 2004, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 9.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF LOCAL COUNTY RURAL WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2nd SEPTEMBER, 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. A.F. O'Malley

Seconded by Cllr. S. Weir

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Local County Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 2nd September, 2004, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 10.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF CLAREMORRIS ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 5th OCTOBER AND 2nd NOVEMBER, 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Connolly

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Claremorris Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 5th October and 2nd November, 2004, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 11.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12th NOVEMBER, 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Planning and Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th November, 2004, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 12.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “AGRIVISION 2015” – TO BE HELD IN THE DUHALLOW PARK HOTEL, KANTURK, CO. CORK, FROM 20th TO 22nd JANUARY, 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. E. Lavin, H. Walsh, M. Adams, M. McNamara and A.M. Reape be nominated to attend Conference – “Agrivision 2015” – to be held in the Duhallow Park Hotel, Kanturk, Co. Cork, from 20th to 22nd January, 2005”.

ITEM NO. 13.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND SEMINAR / WORKSHOP – “PUBLIC RELATIONS AND THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE” – TO BE HELD IN THE GALWAY BAY HOTEL, SALTHILL, GALWAY, ON 26th AND 27th JANUARY, 2005.

The Council were informed of the estimated cost of sending a Delegate to this Seminar / Workshop.

Proposed by Cllr. A.F. O'Malley

Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. E. Lavin and H. Walsh be nominated to attend Seminar / Workshop – “Public Relations and the Elected Representative” – to be held in the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway, on 26th and 27th January, 2005”.

ITEM NO. 14.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY – THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITIES” – TO BE HELD IN THE TEMPLE GATE HOTEL, ENNIS, CO. CLARE, ON 3rd AND 4th FEBRUARY, 2005.

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

ITEM NO. 15.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND SEMINAR – “THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SERVICE” – TO BE HELD IN THE CLONEA STRAND HOTEL, CLONEA, DUNGARVAN, CO. WATERFORD, ON 4th AND 5th FEBRUARY, 2005.

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That the Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. T. Connolly, J. Cribbin, H. Kenny, E. Lavin, M. Mulherin, P. O’Brien, John O’Malley, S. Weir, H. Walsh, M. Adams, M. Carty, P. McHugh, M. McNamara, Johnnie O’Malley, A.M. Reape and D. Ryan be nominated to attend Seminar – “The Local Government Planning Service” – to be held in the Clonea Strand Hotel, Clonea, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, on 4th and 5th February, 2005”.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

It was agreed to defer Notices of Motion (a) to (d) inclusive, as listed on the Agenda, to the February, 2005, Meeting of the Council.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That a minute’s silence be observed as a mark of respect to the 156,000 victims who lost their lives in the recent tsunami disaster in south east Asia”.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Cllr. C. Burke

Seconded by Cllr. H. Kenny

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Irwin family, Cashel, Ayle, Westport, on the death of Paddy Irwin”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Munnelly

Seconded by Cllr. E. Staunton

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the McGregor family, Cortoon, Killala, on the death of Robbie McGregor”.

Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Gallagher family, Askill, Bunnacurry, Achill, on the tragic death of their Daughter, Ashling”.

Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Toolis & Kelly families, Chongie Road, Dooagh, Achill, on the death of Tomas Toolis”.

Proposed by Cllr. M. McNamara

Seconded by Cllr. F. Chambers

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the English family, Cashel, Achill, on the death of their Daughter, Paula”.

Proposed by Cllr. A.M. Reape

Seconded by Cllr. Johnnie O’Malley

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Bernie Furey & family, Sligo Road, Ballina, on the death of their Daughter”.

The Meeting concluded at 5.00 p.m.