

**MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10th
APRIL, 2006, AT 4.00 p.m.**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. H. Kenny, was in the Chair.

The other Councillors present were:-

Cllrs. M. Mulherin, J. Munnely, Johnnie O'Malley, E. Staunton, S. Weir, P. O'Brien, H. Walsh, G. Coyle, M. Holmes, M. McNamara, T. Quinn, C. Burke, 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.

Apologies received from Cllrs. A.M. Reape and D. Ryan 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. J. Coll, Dir., Community & Enterprise, Mr. P. Duggan, Head of Finance, Mr. P. Flanagan, A/Dir. of Services, Ms. T. McGee, Management Accountant, Mr. N. Burke, Sen. Engineer, Mr. C. Harley, Ex. Engineer, Mr. D. Turnbull, Comm. & Enterprise, Mr. M. Gavin, Staff Officer, Mr. G. Costello, Staff Officer, Mr. P. Morrison, Comm. & Enterprise, Ms. C. Kenny, Asst. Staff Officer.

At the outset of the Meeting, the attendance of the Cathaoirleach at Haulbowline, Co. Cork, for the homecoming of the "L.E. Eithne" from Argentina, was approved.

The Cathaoirleach praised and thanked the Transition Year Students and Staff from Davitt College, Castlebar, and also the Staff from Mayo County Council who were involved in the Mock County Council Meeting held on Monday, 3rd April, 2006.

ITEM NO. 1.

**MIONTUAIRISCI DE CRUINNIU COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO A BHI
AR SIUL AR AN 6u MARTA, 2006, A DEIMHNIU.
TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
6th MARCH, 2006.**

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

"Go n-aontaíomar le Miontuairisci Cruinniu Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo a bhi ar siul ar an 6u Marta, 2006".

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Mayo County Council Meeting held on 6th March, 2006, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record”.

ITEM NO. 2.

PRESENTATION BY MS. MARY WRAFTER, CATHAOIRLEACH, MAYO COUNTY COMMUNITY FORUM, ON THE COMMUNITY FUTURES PILOT PROGRAMME.

Ms. Mary Wrafter, Cathaoirleach, Mayo County Community Forum, gave a Presentation on the Community Futures Pilot Programme.

Following her Presentation, a detailed discussion took place and various queries raised by the Members were replied to by Ms. Wrafter.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Wrafter for her Presentation.

ITEM NO. 3.

TO CONSIDER ROADWORKS SCHEME FOR 2006.

Following a detailed discussion, it was -

Proposed by Cllr. M. Mulherin

Seconded by Cllr. T. Quinn

Resolved:-

“That the Roadworks Scheme for 2006, as circulated, be adopted”.

ITEM NO. 4.

TO NOTE CLÁR / DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROADS CO-FUND 2006.

Mr. J. Beirne, Dir. of Services / Co. Engineer, outlined details of this Item.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That CLÁR / Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government Roads Co-Fund 2006, as circulated, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 5.

PRESENTATION ON MAYO WALKING STRATEGY.

Mr. J. Coll, Director, Community and Enterprise, gave a Presentation on Mayo Walking Strategy.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Coll for his Presentation.

ITEM NO. 6.

TO NOTE REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2005.

Mr. P. Duggan, Head of Finance, outlined details of this Item.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Report on Rate Collection for Year ending 31st December, 2005, as circulated, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 7.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ELECTED MEMBERS OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES.

Mr. J. Loftus, Dir. of Services, informed the Meeting that any Councillor who wished to attend this Training Programme, organised by the Institute of Public Administration on behalf of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in association with A.M.A.I., A.C.C.C. and L.A.M.A., should submit their names in writing to him as soon as possible.

ITEM NO. 8.

TO NOTE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2006.

Mr. J. Beirne, Dir. of Services / Co. Engineer, outlined details of this Item.

A discussion ensued and it was -

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mee

Resolved:-

“Calling on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, to provide adequate funding to Mayo County Council to resolve all outstanding issues in regard to drinking water”.

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

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

ITEM NO. 9.
TO APPROVE OF THE RAISING OF A LOAN OF €6,540,000 FOR NON-
DOMESTIC WATER METERING PROJECT.

Mr. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, outlined details of this Item.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That we hereby approve of the raising of a Loan of €6,540,000 for Non-Domestic Water Metering Project”.

ITEM NO. 10.
PRESENTATION ON CAPITAL PROJECTS IN NORTH-EAST REGION.

Mr. S. Granahan, Dir. of Services, gave a Presentation on Capital Projects in the North-East Region.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Granahan for his Presentation.

ITEM NO. 11.
TO CONSIDER REPORT DATED 28th MARCH, 2006, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2001, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, IN
RESPECT OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF CAR AND BUS PARK AT
CONG.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That we hereby adopt Report dated 28th March, 2006, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, and the Local Government Act, 2001, in respect of proposed construction of Car and Bus Park at Cong”.

ITEM NO. 12.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF LOCAL COUNTY RURAL WATER MONITORING
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30th NOVEMBER, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Local County Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 30th November, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 13.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 8th DECEMBER, 2005.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 8th December, 2005, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 14.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18th JANUARY,
2006.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Planning and Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 18th January, 2006, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 15.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF CULTURAL, EDUCATION, HERITAGE AND
CORPORATE AFFAIRS STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON 26th JANUARY, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 26th January, 2006, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 16.
TO NOTE MINUTES OF BALLINA ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE
MEETINGS HELD ON 16th NOVEMBER, 2005, 15th DECEMBER, 2005, AND
19th JANUARY, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Ballina Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 16th November, 2005, 15th December, 2005, and 19th January, 2006, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 17.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF BELMULLET ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 6th DECEMBER, 2005, AND 17th JANUARY, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Belmullet Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 6th December, 2005, and 17th January, 2006, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 18.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF CASTLEBAR ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23rd JANUARY, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Castlebar Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 23rd January, 2006, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 19.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF SWINFORD ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 25th JANUARY, 2006, AND 22nd FEBRUARY, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Swinford Electoral Area Committee Meetings held on 25th January, 2006, and 22nd February, 2006, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 20.

TO NOTE MINUTES OF BALLINROBE ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13th FEBRUARY, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh

Resolved:-

“That Minutes of Ballinrobe Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 13th February, 2006, be noted”.

ITEM NO. 21.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – “TURAS NA mBAN” – TO BE HELD IN KNOCKRANNY HOUSE HOTEL, WESTPORT, CO. MAYO, ON 21st AND 22nd APRIL, 2006.

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh
Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonnell

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. M. McNamara be nominated to attend Conference – “Turas na mBan” – to be held in Knockranny House Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo, on 21st and 22nd April, 2006”.

ITEM NO. 22.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND WASTE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE – “DEALING WITH WASTE” – TO BE HELD IN THE DOWNINGS BAY HOTEL, DOWNINGS, CO. DONEGAL, FROM 24th TO 26th APRIL, 2006.

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

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mee
Seconded by Cllr. M. Holmes

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. G. Murray be nominated to attend Waste Management Conference – “Dealing with Waste” – to be held in the Downings Bay Hotel, Downings, Co. Donegal, from 24th to 26th April, 2006”.

ITEM NO. 23.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE – “THE COST OF WASTE DISPOSAL” – TO BE HELD IN THE CARRIGALINE COURT HOTEL, CARRIGALINE, CO. CORK, ON 4th AND 5th MAY, 2006.

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. S. Bourke, J. Maloney, A. McDonnell and John O'Malley be nominated to attend Environmental Conference – “The Cost of Waste Disposal” – to be held in the Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Co. Cork, on 4th and 5th May, 2006”.

ITEM NO. 24.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND SEMINAR – “THE POTENTIAL FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL TOURISM, NORTH AND SOUTH” – TO BE HELD IN THE MOUNT ERRIGAL HOTEL, LETTERKENNY, CO. DONEGAL, ON 12th MAY, 2006.

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. McHugh

Seconded by Cllr. M. Holmes

Resolved:-

“That Cllrs. M. Adams and G. Murray be nominated to attend Seminar – “The Potential for Local and Regional Tourism, North and South” – to be held in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, on 12th May, 2006”.

Conference – Dublin – 6th May, 2006.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. C. Burke

Resolved:-

“That Cllr. G. Coyle be nominated to attend Conference – “A New Approach to Ageing and Ageism” – to be held in the Berkeley Court Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin, 4, on 6th May, 2006”.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

It was agreed to defer Notices of Motion (a) and (b) as listed on the Agenda, to the May Meeting of the Council.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Lavin

Seconded by Cllr. J. Mellett

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Higgins families, Kiltimagh, on the death of Tom Higgins”.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Mellett

Seconded by Cllr. E. Lavin

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Mr. John Mahon & the Mahon family, Charlestown, on the death of his Mother”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. O’Brien

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

“That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Michael & Niamh McHugh, Bloomfield, Hollymount, on the death of Tom Higgins”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cribbin

Resolved:-

"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Kenny & O'Rourke families, Cornfield, Hollymount, on the death of Sister Ita Hennelly".

The Meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.