

6th June 2006

TO : EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Donegal County Council, requisitioned by the Mayor, will be held on ***Monday 12th June***, 2006 at 1.30pm in the County House, Lifford, to consider the appended agenda.

You are hereby requested to attend.

J. Peoples
A/Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. To approve the final amended expenditure figures for 2005. (Report setting out the amended Expenditure figure and the revised Budget to follow).

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD ON THE 12TH JUNE 2006 IN THE COUNTY
HOUSE LIFFORD.

C/316/06 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. D. Larkin, Mayor, D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, Alice Bonner, Enda Bonnar, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, Pearse Doherty, R. Donaghey, N. McBride, M. McDonald, S. McEniff, I. McGarvey, D. McGonagle, P. McGowan, B. McGuinness, P. MacLochlainn, P. O'Dochartaigh, B. O'Domhnaill, B. O'Neill, T. Pringle, T. Slowey.

C/317/06 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Michael McLoone, County Manager, Mr. Liam Kelly, Assistant County Manager, Director, Housing and Building
Mr. Francie Coyle, Director, Planning and Economic Development, Mr. John McLaughlin, Director, Roads and Transportation, Mr. Jim Holohan, Director, Water, Environment and Emergency Services, Mr. Sean Sheridan, Director, Corporate Services, Mr. Aidan McNicholas, Head of Finance, Mr. Bartley McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Joe Peoples A/Meetings Administrator, Ms. Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer, Corporate Services.

C/318/06 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clrs. Harte, Kennedy, McDaid and Reid who were unable to attend the Meeting.

C/319/06 TO APPROVE FINAL AMENDED EXPENDITURE FIGURES FOR 2005

The County Manager advised that members approval was being sought to exceed the revised budget for 2005 as required under the legal provisions of the Local Government Act 2001.

Mr. Aidan McNicholas, Head of Finance informed members that the income and expenditure out-turn for 2005 had shown a surplus of €813,837, thus providing for an accumulated revenue deficit of €12,259,091 Dr at the end of 2005 as compared to €13,069,298 Dr at the end of 2004.

Members were asked to note that in arriving at the outcome for 2005, Donegal County Council had absorbed the net expenditure cost of €2,600,000 approximately in respect of Parallel Benchmarking and other pay awards-some backdated to 2001 for current Waged and former Waged Staff now on pension.

He proceeded to outline the instances of under and over expenditure on a Programme Group basis.

Mr. McNicholas also noted that there had been ongoing difficulties with the collection of rates and the inadequacy of provision in 2005 to deal with irrecoverable rates. A number of methods he confirmed were being employed to deal with the Rate Account on a fair and sympathetic basis.

In conclusion he affirmed that the overall result was a surplus of €13,837 in the income and expenditure out-turn for 2005.

Responding to a number of queries the County Manger acknowledged that the overall position represented a surplus of €13,837 as €800,000 had already been factored into the overall budget.

He paid tribute to the huge amount of work carried out to date by Mr. Aidan McNicholas, Head of Finance, Mr. Bartley McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer and the staff of the Finance Directorate.

Acknowledging that there would be expenditure in the range of €450 million for 2006 he asked for the continued co-operation of the members in writing off another €800,000.

Mr. McLoone advised that he intended to bring updated reports to the members on the current financial position before the end of the year with further updates on the rates issue

The Mayor expressed concern at the large volume of Irrecoverable Rates and called for sensitivity in dealing with same. He noted that there had been savings in many areas, a feature he hoped would not lead to a downturn in the services being provided.

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Alcorn it was resolved to exceed the revised budget for 2005 as set

out below in accordance with Subsection 7 of Section 104 of the Local Government 2001.

Programme	2005 Expenditure	2005 Income	2005
Group	(Over)/Under	Over/(Under)	Net Position
	Revised Budget	Revised Budget	
	€	€	€
Housing & Building	€384,724	(€100,953)	€283,771
Roads Trans. & Safety	(€1,374,936)	€212,372	(€1,162,564)
Water & Sewerage	(€1,127,836)	(€675,446)	(€1,803,281)
Planning	€453,079	(€54,183)	€398,896
Environ. Protection	€1,366,345	(€237,694)	€1,128,651
Recreation & Amenity	€473,763	(€248,587)	€225,176
Agric., Ed., Health & Welfare	(€6,204)	(€10,201)	(€16,405)
Miscellaneous	€2,287	€758,275	€760,562
Debit Balance Provision	€800,000	€0	€800,000
Local Government Fund		€0	€0
County Charge		€611	€611
Rates		€198,420	€198,420
Total	€971,223	(€157,385)	€813,837

This concluded the business of the meeting.