

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

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10 Feabhra, 2004

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Speisialta den Chomhairle, mar atá iarrtha ag an Chathaoirleach, ar siúl ar a 16 Feabhra, 2004 ag 12.00 le plé a dhéanamh ar na hábhair atá sa Chlár leis seo.

Mise, le meas

A. MacSuibhne
Riarthóir Cruinniu (RÚNAI CONTAE)

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
LIFFORD.

10th February 2004

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Special Meeting of Donegal County Council convened at the request of the Cathaoirleach, will be held at 12 noon on Monday 16th February 2004 in the Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny.

TO EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Council. The Agenda is attached.

Yours sincerely

E. Sweeney
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Donegal County Manager

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY, 2004

C/106/04 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. D. Alcorn, Cathaoirleach, L. Blaney, A. Bonner, E. Bonner, J. Boyle, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, A. Doherty, P. Doherty, R. Donaghey, T. Gildea, P. Kelly, D. Larkin, M. McDonald, S. McEniff, N. McGinley, B. McGlinchey, P. McGowan, D. McHugh, J. McHugh, T. Pringle, J.J. Reid and T. Slowey.

C/107/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Clr. Maloney who was unable to attend the meeting.

C/108/04 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. McLoone, County Manager, Mr. J. McLaughlin, Director Roads & Transportation, Mr. F. Coyle, Director Planning & Economic Development, Mr. A. McNicholas, Head of Finance, Mr. M. Heaney, Director Community, Cultural & Enterprise, Mr. J. Holohan, Director Water, Environment & Emergency Services, Mr. S. Sheridan, Director Corporate Services, Mr. J. Harley, Senior Planner, Mr. J. Boyle, Senior Engineer, Mr. G. Martin, Divisional Manager, Mr. E. Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Mr. E. Quinn, Area Manager, Ms. G. Moynihan, Senior Executive Planning, Ms. D. Floyd, Senior Staff Officer, Ms. A.M. Crawford, S.O.

C/109/04 APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY MANAGER

On the proposal of Clr. D. McHugh, seconded by Clr. Reid, it was resolved that : -

“Donegal County Council, hereby resolves to appoint Mr. Michael McLoone, Abbey, Ballyshannon, County Donegal, to the office of Donegal County Manager, in accordance with Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act, 1926 and Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 2001, on and with effect from 14th February, 2004, subject to the qualification declared by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for the office of County Manager.”

Clr. D. McHugh acknowledged the level of commitment shown by the County Manager during his previous term in office, his deft political skills and dedicated work ethos.

Clr. Reid praised the innovative approach taken by the County Manager in his continuing quest to progress the development of the county and over the years Mr. McLoone had the respect of members, staff and the general public.

Clr. McGlinchey stated that he was delighted with the appointment and praised Mr. McLoone for his ability to take on board the opinions of others and that his progressive approach had served the county well.

Clr. Slowey stated that the Manager's tenacity and single mindedness had transformed the county over the last ten years. He acknowledged his contribution to the Blood Transfusion Service, the Brennan Commission and the Health Board Executive.

Clr. Larkin commented that Mr. McLoone's ability to prioritise projects was a considerable talent. Alluding to comments made by Harry Blaney, I.F.F. a number of times on the Manager's ability to guide and control members in all situations.

Clr. Gildea extended congratulations and wished the County Manager well in his appointment.

The Cathaoirleach extended best wishes on behalf of Clr. P. Kennedy who was unable to attend the meeting. It was a pleasure, he added to work with someone who offered such progressive leadership.

The County Manager thanked the Cathaoirleach and members for their unanimous support stating that it was a proud and emotional day for him. He acknowledged the work and contribution of the Directors and staff of Donegal County Council, together with the various union groupings without whom many of the changes in the organisation could not have taken place. He also acknowledged the role played by the media in promoting the work of Donegal County Council.

There were, he stated, huge challenges facing Donegal especially the issue of underinvestment in services. There would now, he hoped, be an opportunity with peace in Northern Ireland to work within our natural hinterland to address such disadvantages. He reaffirmed his commitment to the promotion of the Irish Language within a broad range of services.

He was, he confirmed, looking forward to the next seven years and justifying member's confidence in him.

C/110/04 ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AT NASC SEMINAR

The Cathaoirleach referred to the NASC Conference on Irelands position in the future of European Regional Policy scheduled for the Shannon Oaks Hotel, Portumna on 25th March 2004 and he asked members to indicate informally, whether they wished the council to be represented. It was noted that since the matter was not on the agenda of the meeting, it would have to be formally approved retrospectively at the March Council Meeting.

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Glinchey, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, the members recommended that 4 No. members attend i.e. 2 Fianna Fail, 1 Fine Gael, and 1 other.

This concluded the formal business of the meeting