

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL**

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
Aras an Chontae  
LEIFEAR  
23 Márta 2010

Beidh Cruinniú Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar siúl Dé Luain 29 Márta, 2010, ag **12.00 meán lae in Áras an Chontae, Leifear**

**DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE**

**A Chara**

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair ag an chruinniú seo den Chomhairle. Ta Clár an chruinnithe leis seo.

Beidh Clár Orduithe an Bhainisteora Contae le feiceáil ag an gcruinniú.

**Mise, le meas**

**A. MacSuibhne**

**Riarthóir Cruinnithe(RÚNAI CHONTAE)**

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**DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2010

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, at **12.00 noon in the County House, Lifford.**

**TO EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Dear Councillor**

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

The Register of County Manager's Orders will be available for inspection at the meeting.

**Yours sincerely**

**E. Sweeney**

**Meetings Administrator (County Secretary)**

## AGENDA

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- a) Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.
- b) Confirmation of Minutes of Adjourned January Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.
- c) Confirmation of Minutes of Adjourned January Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010.
- d) Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010.
- e) Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2010.

### 2. Strategic Policy Committees

#### Strategic Policy Committees

- To consider request from Environmental Pillar for representation on Roads and Transportation, and Planning and Economic Development Strategic Policy Committees
- To formally establish the SPCs and elect members of the Council thereto
- To assign Town Council Nominees to specific SPCs

### 3. Water, Environment and Emergency Services

To make the River Basin Management Plan in relation to the North West River Basin District for the first six year cycle to 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2015.

## MOTIONS

- (L) Local
- (C) County
- (O) Other

## DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA

### Finance

#### 4. Clr. McEniff

"That the Council call on the Government not to introduce V.A.T. charges on Council services until January 1st 2011." (O)

### Corporate

#### 5. Clr. Pringle

"Recognising that the recent decision to ban certain substances sold in "Head Shops" is welcome, Donegal County Council calls on the government to bring legislation to ban all "Head Shops" and the sale of all psychoactive drugs associated with them." (Motion to be circulated to all local authorities.) (O)

## STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA

### *Corporate*

6. Clr. McBrearty

"That Donegal County Council's elected members demand that the government lift the employment embargo, because of the ongoing crisis's within the public sector and its staffing levels in Donegal." (O)

7. Clr. Harvey

"That Donegal County Council defend the retention of community hospital services in County Donegal and arrange a meeting with the HSE as a matter of urgency to clarify the current situation in relation to the Rock Nursing Home in Ballyshannon and Lifford Community Hospital." (O)

### *Water, Environment and Emergency Services*

8. Clr. McGowan

"That the Manager gives a report on Litter Management in the County and outlines what plans there are to clean up the primary entrance roads to the county which are heavily littered, giving details on fines issued/collected, the Derelict Buildings Policy, and the cost associated with cleaning up after illegal dumping." (C)

### *Roads and Transportation*

9. Clr. Harley

"That this Council erect traffic lights at McClays Corner Stranorlar to alleviate the traffic problems experienced by motorists." (L)

### *Housing and Building*

10. Clr. Crawford

"That this Council debate how it plans to meet the housing needs of applicants for social housing in the Finn Valley area." (L)

## GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA

### *Roads and Transportation*

11. Clr. Alcorn

"That the roads section of Donegal County Council survey the main road from Doochary to the Big Bridge at Dungloe, with a view to seeking funding for it in 2011 and subsequent years." (L)

### **Finance**

#### 12. Clr. M.T. Gallagher

"That Donegal County Council support the positive proposals that will make it easier for local contractors to bid for and be awarded state contracts namely:-

That the criteria including the annual turnover limits be reviewed and amended downwards

That where possible contracts be broken down into smaller parts to make it easier for smaller contractors to bid for tenders

That state contracts are subject to social clauses where appropriate, that would compel successful contractors to employ local long term unemployed and apprentices as part of their conditions.

and that this Council will do all in its power to fulfil the spirit of this motion until such time as the Government legislates for such."  
(O)

## **INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Community, Culture and Enterprise**

#### 13. Clr. MacLochlainn

"That an all party delegation from Donegal County Council immediately seek a meeting with the OPW, local and regional tourism bodies and Derry City Council to agree on a joined up strategy for promoting Grianan of Aileach including marketing, onsite facilities, and guide service." (L)

#### 14. Clr. Farren

"That the County Council staff and services be retained in Carndonagh Public Service Centre to serve the people of Inishowen." (L)

## **LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Community, Culture and Enterprise**

#### 15. Clr. Larkin

"That this Council introduce a similar scheme to the roundabout sponsorship for our main tourist routes and also the entrances into our towns and villages." (O)

16. Clr. McBride

"That this Council support Marine Harvest in their endeavours to obtain new licences for the production of farmed salmon, thus securing current employment and creating much needed new employment in the Fanad area and beyond." (L)

**Roads and Transportation**

17. Clr. Quinn

"That Donegal County Council as a matter of urgency erects a safety barrier to protect pedestrians on the footpath from Ballymacool Terrace to the Ballymacool Roundabout." (L)

18. **Disposal of Land – Section 211 Planning and Development Act, 2000**

- a) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to dispose of land by way of lease at Lifford Common, Co Donegal to Mr Harry McCrossan, 33 Prospect Road, Incheny, Strabane, Co Tyrone.
- b) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to dispose of land by way of lease at Main Street, Castlefinn, Co Donegal to Castlefin Tidy Towns Association.

**19. Finance**

- a) To note update on NPPR for 2009 and 2010 charges.
- b) To consider and note the Report on Irrecoverable County Rates.
- c) To consider the 3 Year Capital Programme 2010 – 2012.

**20. Corporate**

- a) To resolve to hold Consultation Meeting prescribed in Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 2001 and regulations made there under in respect of the appointment of four persons (two men and two women) to the County Donegal Vocational Education Committee.
- b) Election of Member to Comhar na nOileán.

- c) To fill casual vacancy on the Audit Committee.
- d) To consider report on Members Expenses and resolve to approve pursuant to Local Government Act 2001 (Section 142) Regulations 2010.
  - 1. Redistribution of Budgets for Home and Foreign Travel in light of ceiling on expenditure introduced by Minister.
  - 2. Preparation of Training and Development Plan for 2010 – 2014.
  - 3. Decide whether to set an individual budget for Councillors for home travel.
- e) To approve expenses to Non Elected Members on Committees, where appropriate
- f) To consider requests for Civic Receptions.

### **21. Community, Culture and Enterprise**

- a) To consider update on County Development Board Key Actions
- b) To consider proposal for advancement of Cross-Border Co-operation in the context of the North West Gateway Initiative

### **22. Roads and Transportation**

To approve the raising of a Capital Loan in the amount of €6,638,736.54 for the purposes of financing Marine Projects.

### **23. Endorsement of Confirmed Minutes**

- a) Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of Stranorlar Electoral Area Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.
- b) Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of Inishowen Electoral Area Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

- c) Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of Glenties Electoral Area Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

#### **24. Conferences**

Authorisation of representation at a seminar, meeting or event under Section 142 (5) of Local Government Act, 2001, S.I. No 668 of 2006, Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations 2006, S.I. No 37 of 2010, Guidelines given by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to the Local Government Act, 2001 (Section 142) Regulations 2010.

a) **HOME**

- 2010 Annual Conference Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) – “Councillors Role in Changing Climate” to be held Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at the Sligo Park Hotel, Pearse Road, Sligo.
- IPI National Planning Conference 2010, “Planning for a Smarter Ireland”, to be held Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offlay.
- Elected Members Training Seminar, “Banking, Insurance and NAMA, The effect on Local Government” to be held from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at the Carlton Hotel Tralee, Dan Spring Road, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
- BMW Regional Assembly Annual Conference 2010, “Promoting Growth and Jobs in Ireland’s Regions” to be held Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at the Cavan Crystal Hotel, Cavan Town.
- Conference for Councillors on Professional Development, “Key Strategies for greater success in a challenging economic climate” to be held from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at the Connemara Coast Hotel, Furbo, Co. Galway.
- Elected Member’s Training Seminar, New EPA Guidelines for Single Houses “Their Implications to Local Government” to be held from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at the Glenbo Abbey Hotel, Bushypark, Co. Galway.

- Transport Ireland 2010, “Exploring Ireland’s transport future”, to be held Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at the Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin.

## **25. Conference Reports**

- Clr. Seamus O’Domhnaill together with Clr. Harte – Councillor Co-operation North and South “The Challenges” held Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.
- Clr. John Ryan together with Clrs. Mickey Doherty, Martin Harley, Martin Farren, Frank McBrearty – Induction course for newly elected local authority members held Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.
- Clr. Seamus O’Domhnaill together with Clrs. Noel McBride, John Ryan, Mickey Doherty, Terence Slowey, Ciaran Brogan, David Alcorn, Dessie Larkin, Padraig Doherty, Charlie McConalogue – L.A.M.A. Winter Seminar 2009 held Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.
- Clr. Padraig MacLochlainn – Shannon Development National Conference, Dynamic Regions Future Directions in Regional Development held Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.
- Clr. Padraig MacLochlainn – Assembly of European Regions General Assembly held Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.
- Clr. Seamus O’Domhnaill together with Clrs. Terence Slowey, Noel McBride – Our Towns, A 20:20 Vision held Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.

## **26. Mayor’s Business**

## **27. Manager’s Report**

### QUESTIONS

- (L) Local
- (C) County
- (O) Other

### **DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA**

#### **Roads and Transportation**

#### **28. Clr. McEniff**

"Do the Council intend to do any work to accommodate the Lynch Family entrance on Rossnowlagh roundabout Ballyshannon?" (L)

**Water, Environment and Emergency Services**

29. **Clr. Pringle**

"When will the household survey on the uptake of bin collection in the county be completed and the results presented to the Council?" (C)

30. **Clr. Pringle**

"What weight is given to the requirements of the maintenance section in the deciding on capital schemes in the water services section of this Council?" (C)

**STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA**

**Roads and Transportation**

31. **Clr. McBrearty**

"What is the position with having more men supplied to the St Johnston, Raphoe, Lifford division in order for them to cope with the ongoing problems with the roads in their area?" (L)

32. **Clr. Harley**

"Can Donegal County Council look seriously at investing money in getting more automated street cleaners that can make our towns and villages more attractive to tourists and give local people more pride in their community?" (C)

33. **Clr. Harvey**

"Will this Council re-examine the existing traffic problems that are being experienced at Castlefin Bridge?" (L)

**Water, Environment and Emergency Services**

34. **Clr. McBrearty**

"Will Donegal County Council seek funding to make reservoirs bigger in order that they can supply and cope with the increased demands for water?" (C)

35. **Clr. Crawford**

"What steps have been taken to deal with the overspill of sewage at two locations (1) Lifford (2) St Johnston?" (L)

36. **Clr. Crawford**

"What progress has this Council made in its efforts to obtain funding for pipe replacement in the Ballindrait and Lifford supply lines?" (L)

**Corporate**

37. Clr. McGowan

"Please give an update on the MAN's broadband in Ballybofey/Stranorlar outlining costs and conditions of anyone making a connection, confirming also if there are plans to cover the Drumkeen area with any wireless or other broadband?" (L)

**Housing and Building**

38. Clr. McGowan

"Please outline progress in replacing the fence on the entrance to Emmet Park Housing Scheme Castlefinn and other works such as lights etc as agreed by members of the Stranorlar Area? (L)

39. Clr. Harley

"Does Donegal County Council need to spend more money renting accommodation at Lifford Army Barracks during the current tough financial times?" (L)

**Community, Culture and Enterprise**

40. Clr. Harvey

"What role does this Council have in protecting the 'Right of Ways' on to our County Beaches, and how does the Council ensure that Right of Ways are kept clear?" (C)

**GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA**

**Housing and Building**

41. Clr. Alcorn

"What is the overall cost to date of the 13 houses being built by Donegal County Council at Lettermacaward, and why in spite of continous Reps. has the work on the failed work not recommenced at the front of the scheme?" (L)

**Water, Environment and Emergency Services**

42. Clr. Alcorn

"Has any communication or updated report been received by Donegal County Council since revised plans were sent to the Department for the proposed Burtonport Sewerage Scheme?" (L)

**Planning and Economic Development**

43. Clr. M.T. Gallagher

"Will the planning department in this council ensure that it works in tandem with the roads department to ensure that 3G fulfill their

planning regulations to ensure that the Dirlaugh road in Leitir is reinstated to the satisfaction of local engineers?" (L)

**Community, Culture and Enterprise**

44. Clr. M.T. Gallagher

"Will this Council provide assistance to ensure that the Local Voluntary Committee can run the All Ireland Curragh Championships to be held in Kincasslagh this year?" (L)

**INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA**

**Planning and Economic Development**

45. Clr. MacLochlainn

"When can members of the community in Moville and local groups in that area start to make submissions in relation to the future planning requirements of their town as part of the next County Development Plan?" (L)

**Roads and Transportation**

46. Clr. MacLochlainn

"What plans do Donegal County Council have to improve the standard of the R238 at St Mary's Road, Buncrana and what timeframe is in place for enhanced traffic flow for drivers meeting the R238 at the Westbrook Junction, Buncrana?" (L)

**LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA**

**Planning and Economic Development**

47. Clr. Larkin

"May I have an update on the Letterkenny Urban Renewal Scheme?" (L)

48. Clr. Quinn

"Following on from the motion adopted by this Council to amend the County Development Plan regarding Planning Applications for the erection of Telecommunications Masts - what progress has been made in this regard?" (C)

**Roads and Transportation**

49. Clr. Larkin

"When will the realignment and upgrading of Jameson's junction on the main Letterkenny/Glenties road be complete?" (L)

50. Clr. Brogan

"When will works be carried out on lining and improving the junction at Drummacanoo, Churchill?" (L)

**Community, Culture and Enterprise**

51. Clr. Quinn

"What actions have the County Council decided upon in relation to the continued development of the Angling/Tourism Programme for 2010?" (C)

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD  
IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD ON 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2010**

**C/162/10**     **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Clrs. D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, G. Crawford, M. Doherty, Padraig Doherty, R. Donaghey, M. Farren, M.T. Gallagher, M. Harley, J. Harte, C. Harvey, P. Mac Lochlainn, F. Mc Brearty, C. Mc Conalogue, I. McGarvey, P. McGowan, B. McGuinness, S. O'Domhnaill, B. O'Neill, T. Pringle, and M. Quinn.

**C/163/10**     **APOLOGIES**

In the absence of the Mayor, Clr. Byrne due to a family illness, the Chair was taken by the Deputy Mayor, Clr. Mc Conalogue. The Deputy Mayor advised that he would have to leave the meeting around 2.40pm to attend another engagement. On the proposal of Clr. Mc Garvey, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, it was resolved to elect Clr. Alcorn to chair the meeting on Clr. Mc Conalogue's departure.

Apologies were received from Clrs Byrne, Mc Eniff, and Slowey who were unable to attend the meeting.

**C/164/10**     **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr Michael McLoone, County Manager, Mr John McLaughlin, Director of Roads and Transportation, Mr Seamus Neely, Director of Water, Environment and Emergency, Mr. Michael Heaney, Director Planning & Economic Development & Community, Cultural and Enterprise, Mr Garry Martin, Acting Head of Finance, Mr Liam Ward, Acting Director of Corporate and Housing, Mr. Bartley Mc Glynn, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Donal Casey, Senior Executive Chemist, Mr. Tony Mc Nally, NS Share Project Co-Ordinator Mr. Vincent Lynn, Senior Engineer, Mr Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Ms Annemarie Crawford, Staff Officer.

**C/165/10**     **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL  
MEEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD  
ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010.**

On the proposal of Clr. Harley, seconded by Clr. Pringle, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 were adopt

- C/166/10     CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010.  
The Meetings Administrator advised that there had been a typographical error in the report circulated, and that the relevant date was the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, and not the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2009, as indicated on the draft minutes circulated with the agenda.  
On the proposal of Clr. Donaghey, seconded by Clr. McGuinness, the Minutes of the Adjourned January Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, as amended, were adopted.
- C/167/10     CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2010.  
The Meetings Administrator advised that there had been a typographical error in the report circulated, and that the relevant date was the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 and not the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2009, as indicated on the draft minutes circulated with the agenda.  
On the proposal of Clr. Alcorn, seconded by Clr. Crawford, the Minutes of the Adjourned January Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010, as amended, were adopted.
- C/168/10     CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2010.  
On the proposal of Clr. Harley, seconded by Clr. Farren, the Minutes of the Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010 were adopted.
- C/169/10     CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2010.  
On the proposal of Clr. M.Doherty, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 were adopted.
- C/170/10     VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS  
On the proposal of Clr. Farren, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, it was resolved to vary the order of business and deal with

Items 19, 20, 22, 26 and 27 prior to the closure of the meeting at 4.30pm.

C/171/10 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

*Request from Environmental Pillar for additional Representation*

The Meetings Administrator advised that correspondence had been received from the Environmental Pillar of Social Partnership for additional representation on the SPCs. He advised that the Environmental Pillar had been given 1 nominee on the Water, Environment and Emergency Services SPC, and they were now seeking a nominee on both the Roads & Transportation and the Planning & Economic Development SPCs.

He cautioned Members against increasing membership on the committees as it would disturb the 2:1 ratio between elected and non-elected members and with the other sectors. Responding to a query by Clr. Mc Gowan, he advised that the Environmental Sector had first been regarded as a pillar of partnership in 2009. Advertisements had, he confirmed, been placed in local papers requesting nominations from local environmental groups. Overall, co-ordination of the selection process had taken place at national level and that the Council had no role in the selection.

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Clr. Boyle, it was resolved to defer consideration to later in the meeting to allow for further deliberation by the Party Whips.

*Establishment of the Strategic Policy Committees.*

The Council considered the report circulated.

On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to formally establish the Strategic Policy Committee's, in accordance with the Scheme adopted at the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009,

1. Housing & Corporate SPC – 12 Members

County Council	Town	Sectoral	Sector
<b>Dessie Larkin (Chair)</b>	1 nominee	1 nominee	Farming Pillar
<b>Rena Donaghey</b>		Anne Wilkinson	Trade Union
<b>Liam Blaney</b>		Mr. Oliver Duffy	C.I.F.
<b>Noel Mc Bride</b>		1 nominee	Community Forum
<b>John Boyle</b>			

<b>Jimmy Harte</b>			
<b>Cora Harvey</b>			

2. Roads & Transportation SPC – 12 Members

County Council	Town	Sectoral	Sector
<b>Padraig Mac Lochlainn (Chair)</b>	1 nominee	Brian Sweeney	Commerce
<b>Liam Blaney</b>		William Monagle	Farming Pillar
<b>Sean McEniff</b>		1 nominee	Community Forum
<b>Martin Harley</b>		1 nominee	Fishing/Aqua
<b>Mickey Doherty</b>			
<b>Padraig O Doherty</b>			
<b>Martin Farren</b>			

3. Planning & Economic Development SPC – 21 Members

County Council	Town	Sectoral	Sector
<b>Ciaran Brogan (Chair)</b>	1 nominee	Eamonn Stevenson	Commerce
<b>David Alcorn</b>		Mr. Eddie McGettigan	C.I.F
<b>Brendan Byrne</b>		Seamus Mac Ruairi	Trade Union
<b>Charlie Mc Conalogue</b>		1 nominee	Farming
<b>Bernard Mc Guinness</b>		1 nominee	Community Forum
<b>John Ryan</b>		1 nominee	Fishing/Aqua
<b>John Boyle</b>		1 nominee	Conservation
<b>Terence Slowey</b>			
<b>Ian Mc Garvey</b>			
<b>Seamus O Domhnaill</b>			
<b>Jimmy Harte</b>			
<b>Marie Therese Gallagher</b>			
<b>Frank Mc Brearty</b>			

4. Water, Envir. & Emergency Services SPC – 12 Members

County Council	Town	Sectoral	Sector
<b>Noel Mc Bride</b>	1 nominee	Michael Boyd	Commerce
<b>Ciaran Brogan</b>		Pat Kelly	Farming
<b>Patrick Mc Gowan</b>		Michelle Hay	Environment
<b>Rena Donaghey</b>		Brian Brogan	C.I.F.
<b>Seamus O Domhnail</b>			
<b>Frank Mc Brearty</b>			
<b>Mick Quinn</b>			

#### 5. Community, Cultural & Corporate SPC – 12 Members

Donegal County Council	Town	Sectoral	Sector
<b>Thomas Pringle (Chair)</b>	1 nominee	Paul Mc Gee	Trade Union
<b>Gerry Crawford</b>		Michael Mac Aoidh	Cultural
<b>Dessie Larkin</b>		2 nominees	Community Fora
<b>Charlie Mc Conalogue</b>			
<b>Bernard McGuinness</b>			
<b>Barry O'Neill</b>			
<b>Marie T. Gallagher</b>			

#### *Town Council Nominees*

The Meetings Administrator advised that it was the function of the Council to assign the 5 no nominees from the Town Councils to specific SPCs i.e. 1 no on each Committee. It was resolved to defer a decision on same to later in the meeting.

#### C/172/10 MAKING OF THE RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NORTH WEST RIVER BASIN DISTRICT FOR SIX YEAR CYCLE TO 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2015

On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Boyle, it was resolved in accordance with Section 131 of the Local Government Act 2001 (No.37 of 2001) to:

“Make the North Western River Basin Management Plan in relation to the North Western River Basin District

(NWRBD) River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) for the first six year cycle to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 and to establish the associated NWRBD Water Body Objectives and Programme of Measures for the said period to comply fully with the requirements of the Water Framework, Directive (WFD).”

Clr. P. Doherty proposed, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, and it was resolved that a presentation outlining the main aspects of the Plan be delivered at Electoral Area Level. Some concern was expressed in relation to the absence of input from the Elected Members and the provisions for altering and amending the plan.

The County Manager thanked the Director of Water, Environment and Emergency Services, Mr. Donal Casey, Senior Executive Chemist and Mr. Tony Mc Nally, NS Share Project Co-ordinator for their ongoing efforts in promoting the River Basin Programme at local and national level.

C/173/10 MAYOR’S BUSINESS

*Civic Receptions*

It was resolved to consider this item in conjunction with Item 20(f) – Consideration of requests for Civic Receptions. The Deputy Mayor advised that the Corporate Policy Group had endorsed a recommendation by the Mayor for the holding of a Civic Reception for the Donegal Association, Dublin.

The County Manger noted that this was an opportunity to applaud the excellent work carried out by the Association, particularly on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their foundation. On the proposal of Clr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Clr. Brogan, it was resolved to afford a Civic Reception to the Donegal Association, Dublin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at 4pm in the County House, Lifford.

On the proposal of Clr. Pringle, seconded by Clr. Brogan, it was resolved that a Local Reception be afforded to Active Retirement, Ireland on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 in the Donegal Public Services Centre.

The Meetings Administrator referred to his report dated 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 outlining the need for specific protocols in relation to the holding of receptions. Each request, he advised, deserved to be considered on its own merit with careful consideration given to the category to which it belonged. He asked Members to be mindful of the budgetary constraints involved, noting that on average a Category 1 Civic Reception cost in the region of €3000 to €5000 with Local Receptions costing anything from €1500 to €2000. Clr. Mc Brearty advised that he had proposed a number of Receptions in 2009 and expressed dismay that there had been no follow-up.

Members were in general agreement that a specific protocol was required, and supported the recommendation that proposals for receptions agreed at EA level be forwarded initially to the Meetings Administrator for consideration by the CPG and, if agreed, to the Council for formal approval. On the proposal of Clr. Mc Brearty, seconded by Clr. Farren, it was resolved that Local Receptions be afforded to the following:

- Jason Quigley for his achievements to date in the field of boxing.
- The Convoy and Letterkenny Pipe Bands in respect of their success at the recent world championships.

#### *Retirement of County Manager*

The Deputy Mayor read into the record a letter addressed to the Mayor from the County Manager, Mr. Michael Mc Loone outlining his intention to retire as Donegal County Manager on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.

The County Manager advised that the Public Appointments Commission would be making arrangements for a permanent replacement.

Acknowledging Member's desire to respond to the announcement, the Deputy Mayor advised that there would be an opportunity to do so at a future meeting of the Council.

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#### MANAGER'S REPORT

The County Manager presented his report, circulated with the agenda, and addendum circulated during the meeting, and same was noted.

C/175/10 APPROVAL OF THE RAISING OF A CAPITAL LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF €6,638,736.54 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING MARINE PROJECTS

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above .

On the proposal of Clr. Farren, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to approve the raising of a capital loan in the amount of €6,638,736.54 for the purpose of financing Marine Projects.

C/176/10 UPDATE ON THE NPPR FOR 2009 AND 2010 CHARGES

Members considered the report circulated, with the agenda, in relation to the above.

The County Manager advised that every effort would be made to keep Members informed in respect of the up to date collection data. It was acknowledged that considerable effort had gone into the collection process with the €2.8m generated compensating only slightly for the significant cuts in Local Authority spending. Responding to a query from Clr. Mc Garvey, the County Manager confirmed that NPPR income would remain in the County.

Members noted the update on the NPPR for 2009 and 2010.

C/177/10 TO NOTE THE REPORT ON IRRECOVERABLE COUNTY RATES

Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

Members highlighted a number of issues and expressed concern in relation to the significantly high level of irrecoverable rates in the Glenties Electoral Area.

They were in agreement that specific steps were required to address the situation namely:

1. Lobby Central Government for the introduction of a two-tier rate valuation system, which would provide greater support for rural based enterprises and those struggling to survive in economically deprived areas. This could be done in conjunction with Udaras na Gaeltachta.

2. Examine the possibility of making a special case for Towns and Villages in border areas.
3. Assess whether it was possible to bring businesses not currently liable for rates into the Rating System.

Members called for a closer examination of the system and a clear assessment as to why such a large number of businesses were failing

On the proposal of Clr. P. Doherty, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, it was resolved that a report detailing the number of vacant properties in the county, together with an analysis of those businesses who had ceased trading, be provided for consideration by the Council.

Clr. Quinn alluded to issues raised in a recent publication circulated at the “Property in Donegal” Launch. The issues, he suggested, were of sufficient merit to be incorporated into any future discussion on the matter.

The A/Head of Finance advised that work had been ongoing in relation to temporarily uncollectable rates. Staff had been working closely with these clients and considerable effort had gone into drawing up long-term payment plans. It was essential, he confirmed, that cash flows were maintained. He drew attention to the fact that up to €700k had been collected in the first two months of 2010.

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Clr. Brogan, it was resolved that a Workshop be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at 9.30am in the Council Chamber, County House, Lifford to further update Members on the status of irrecoverable rates in the County, and the initiatives that have been taken to address the problem.

It was agreed that representatives from the Valuation Office and the various Government Departments be invited to attend the Workshop.

It was resolved on the proposal of Clr. Mc Brearty, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness:-

“That representations be made to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government outlining the necessity of introducing legislation to make Donegal a Special Needs case.”

Responding to Members queries in relation to the holding of an Economic Development Workshop the County Manager confirmed that a briefing was being prepared, and that notification would issue in due course.

The County Manager stated that he would have a request prepared based on the Commission on Taxation Report and what legislation might be enacted on foot of same. He said he would commit to having a “What If” scenario prepared for the Workshop and take it from there.

C/178/10 TO RESOLVE TO HOLD CONSULTATION MEETING AS PRESCRIBED IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2001 AND REGULATIONS MADE THERE UNDER IN RESPECT OF APPOINTMENT OF FOUR PERSONS (TWO MEN AND TWO WOMEN) TO THE COUNTY DONEGAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Clr. Alcorn, seconded by Clr. Donaghey it was resolved to hold a Consultative Meeting, as prescribed in the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 2001 and Regulations made thereunder, in respect of the appointment of four persons (two men and two women) to the County Donegal Vocational Education Committee on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at 9.30am in the Council Chamber, County House, Lifford.

C/179/10 DATE FOR ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING

Arising from the ongoing industrial dispute, it was resolved on the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, that any unfinished business before the Council at 4.30 pm be adjourned to 10.30am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

C/180/10 CONSIDERATION OF THE 3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010 – 2012

Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above. Introducing the report, the County Manager noted that the level of investment in Donegal had increased significantly in the period 1994 -2007. Over the 15

year period he noted that a total of €1,498m capital investment had been spread over a vast range of projects enhancing the physical, social and economic infrastructure of the county. It was now apparent, he added, that the reduction in the level of funding available from both exchequer grants and local sources would pose major challenges for the Council in the years ahead.

Co-funding the Capital Programme from internal resources was now a major problem, he added, given that the level expenditure required varied from scheme to scheme and project to project. He cited the example of the Donegal Bay Group DBO Wastewater Treatment Plant where own resource contributions had increased from €8m to €15m. It was imperative, now he added, that a source of funds be identified for all outstanding balances as a priority.

The major priority now, he confirmed, would be to deal with capital balances on schemes completed, or being completed, for which co-funding was required and also to deal with unfunded balances for schemes being funded entirely from own resources and/or which were not eligible for exchequer grants. The County Manager agreed with the strategy proposed by the A/Head of Finance to carry €7,008,322 as a debit balance on the DCS account and to include €1,929,621 in proposals for loan approval to the various Government Departments.

At this juncture, the Manager informed the Council that he had written to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food confirming payment of 45% of the outstanding monies in respect of the Greencastle Harbour Project with a commitment to pay back the remainder by the end of the year on a month by month basis.

The County Manager advised that proposals for the three year Capital Programme 2010 – 2012 were quite modest in comparison to previous years with the ensuing financial implications set to pose numerous challenges until such time as there was an upturn in the economy. The Priority Projects had been identified in the Director of Service Reports. The issue of payroll costs and consultancy fees charged to the Capital Programme would he advised need to be

addressed over the coming months given that a possible reduction in staffing levels at the NRDO Office would result in unfunded posts being recharged to the 2010 Revenue Budget. It was now apparent, the Manager added, that clarification would have to be sought from the various funding bodies in relation to the provision and payment of consultancy fees as against the Council's capacity to employ and fund staff on a permanent and pensionable basis to deal with the significant fluctuations in workloads in the Capital Programme.

It was generally agreed that there were many financial parameters involved in the 2010-2012 Programme, a feature which would necessitate all concerned working within a specific set of guidelines.

Given the time constraints involved, it was resolved on the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, to defer further consideration of the item to the Adjourned Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2010. It was agreed that it would be dealt with as the first item on that day.

C/181/10 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On the proposal of Clr. Alcorn, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, it was resolved to break for lunch and adjourn the meeting until 2.45pm

C/182/10 RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING

In absence of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor and, as resolved earlier in the meeting, Clr. Alcorn took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

C/183/10 CALL TO BAN ALL "HEAD SHOPS" AND THE SALE OF PSYCHOACTIVE DRUGS

On the proposal of Clr. Pringle, seconded by Clr. Harvey, the following motion was adopted, and it was resolved to circulate the motion to all Local Authorities:-

"Recognising that the recent decision to ban certain substances sold in "Head Shops" is welcome, Donegal County Council calls on the government to bring legislation to ban all "Head Shops" and the sale of all psychoactive drugs associated with them."

Clr. Pringle advised that the banning of Head Shops was the only solution to what was becoming a nationwide problem. He advised that there was specific legislation in place to ban substances, which were an issue of concern to the general public.

Members outlined their support for the motion citing the need for a long-term solution and the necessity of dealing with the issue on a cross-border basis. The HSE, it was acknowledged, also had a role to play in making people aware of the dangers of these psychoactive drugs.

It was noted that property owners in the county had specific responsibility in relation to the leasing of such premises until such time as there was proper regulation for the activity.

Concern was raised in relation to the operation of two outlets in Donegal Town and whether the outlets complied with the relevant planning regulations.

Clr. O' Neill asked that a report on the matter be brought to the next appropriate meeting of the Council.

Clr Pringle in conclusion thanked all those who had supported the motion. Head Shops were he advised legal under the 2005 Planning Regulations and persons operating such premises did not have to apply for a change of use. He supported Clr Mc Brearty's request that correspondence be forwarded to Ms Mary Coughlan, T.D, Tánaiste and Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Dermot Ahern, T.D, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, and Ms Mary Harney, T.D, Minister for Health and Children, outlining the necessity of introducing legislation to ban Head Shops.

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#### CONFERENCES

Having noted the revised arrangements under Section 142 5(d) of the Local Government Act, 2001, introduced by the Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations 2006 and directives issued by the Minister in that regard, on the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. O' Domhnaill, it was resolved to authorise, retrospectively, the attendance of members at the following conferences, subject to the normal procedures:-

1. Individual members not exceeding their annual budget for attendance at conferences.
  2. Payment of expenses for attendance to be conditional on the member furnishing documentary evidence of attendance and complying with the legal requirements.
- 2010 Annual Conference Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) – “Councillors Role in Changing Climate” to be held Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at the Sligo Park Hotel, Pearse Road, Sligo.
  - IPI National Planning Conference 2010, “Planning for a Smarter Ireland”, to be held Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offlay.
  - Elected Members Training Seminar, “Banking, Insurance and NAMA, The effect on Local Government” to be held from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at the Carlton Hotel Tralee, Dan Spring Road, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
  - BMW Regional Assembly Annual Conference 2010, “Promoting Growth and Jobs in Ireland’s Regions” to be held Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at the Cavan Crystal Hotel, Cavan Town.
  - Conference for Councillors on Professional Development, “Key Strategies for greater success in a challenging economic climate” to be held from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at the Connemara Coast Hotel, Furbo, Co. Galway.
  - Elected Member’s Training Seminar, New EPA Guidelines for Single Houses “Their Implications to Local Government” to be held from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at the Glenbo Abbey Hotel, Bushypark, Co. Galway.
  - Transport Ireland 2010, “Exploring Ireland’s transport future”, to be held Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at the Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin.

C/185/10     DISPOSAL OF LAND BY WAY OF LEASE AT LIFFORD COMMON, CO DONEGAL

Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Harley , it was resolved to dispose of a plot of land by way of lease at

Lifford Common, Co Donegal to Mr Harry McCrossan, 33 Prospect Road, Incheny, Strabane, Co Tyrone, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

C/186/10 DISPOSAL OF LAND BY WAY OF LEASE AT MAIN STREET, CASTLEFINN, CO DONEGAL

Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Gowan, seconded by Clr. Harley, it was resolved to dispose of land by way of lease at Main Street Castlefinn, Co Donegal to Castlefin Tidy Towns Associaton, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

C/187/10 THAT DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S ELECTED MEMBERS CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT TO LIFT THE EMPLOYMENT EMBARGO ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Brearty, seconded by Clr. Harvey, the following motion was adopted with unanimous agreement that the motion be circulated to the Ministers of the various Government Departments concerned:-

"That Donegal County Council's elected members demand that the government lift the employment embargo, because of the ongoing crisis's within the public sector and its staffing levels in Donegal."

Members were informed that:-

“The current moratorium on recruitment within the Public Sector was introduced in March 2009. Circular Letter LG(P) 1497 issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government on 27th March 2009 directed Local Authorities that, with immediate effect to the end of 2010, no public service post, however arising, could be filled by recruitment, promotion, nor payment of an allowance for the performance of duties at a higher grade. Therefore, when vacancies arise work or staff should be reallocated or reorganised accordingly. Any exceptions to this principle, which were expected to arise in very limited circumstances

only, required the prior sanction of the Minister for Finance. This decision also applied to temporary appointments on a fixed-term basis and to the renewal of such contracts. This Circular also directed that offers of appointment, promotion or allowance for the performance of duties of a higher grade could not be made from the date of the Circular without the approval of the Minister for Finance, and that any competitions/promotions in progress could not proceed further without the express sanction of the Department of Finance.

On 20th August 2009, a further Circular Letter confirmed that the Department of Finance had approved a delegated sanction to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government for implementation of the general moratorium on the filling of public service posts by recruitment, promotion or the payment of an allowance for the performance of duties at a higher level in the Local Authority Sector, on the condition that the overall staffing levels in the local authority sector are reduced significantly by end of 2010, in adherence with the Government's Policy on Staffing and Numbers in the Public Service. In accordance with the principle referred to in the Department's Circular of 27th March 2009, all staffing requests, which are expected to arise in very limited circumstances only, must be submitted for approval to the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government. This procedure for the approval of staffing requests will remain in place until the end of 2010.

In relation to the current staffing situation in Donegal, the Manager in his report to the Council meeting in July 2009 set out proposals to reorganise the management of Council services to deal with reductions in staff numbers, reductions in budgets and the change in the number of electoral areas from six to five. The proposal included the reconfiguration of directorates from seven to five and described in broad outline what services would be delivered from the electoral areas and the management and staffing structure to deliver the services (having regard to the reduction in the budget and the reductions in staff numbers). The proposal included, inter alia, for the continuation of the Area Management structure with three Area Managers based in each electoral

area with each Manager responsible for one of the following services;

- Housing/Corporate Services,
- Roads, Transportation and Housing (Capital) Services and
- Water, Environment and Emergency Services.

The proposal provided for Community, Culture and Enterprise and Planning Services to be managed centrally to achieve economies of scale but with some field staff available in the electoral areas. The Manager sought and obtained "the endorsement of Donegal County Council at its meeting on July 20th, 2009 to the policy and service framework "within which the proposals were made for consultation with the Unions on staffing/management issues

Work on proposals in relation to the re-structuring of Central Services management and staffing, including an analysis of the links between the reorganisation of this work and the proposed reorganisation of the electoral areas, is at an advanced stage.

In his budget report presented to the Council on December 22nd, the Manager stated "It is proposed to have more detailed plans prepared by mid-January for consultation with Staff, the Unions and Members on how various services will be reconfigured as between headquarters and areas e.g. Planning.". However since the Budget meeting notification was received (dated January 13th, 2010) that Industrial Action is to be taken with effect from Monday, January 25th, arising "from the Government decision to cut the rates of pay of Public Servants and their threats to make further cuts in pay, pension, benefits and jobs". The Industrial Action includes a refusal to cooperate with the National Transformation of Public Services agenda or with redeployment and reassignment of staff without Union agreement, etc. As a result of this notice the implementation of the policy and service framework endorsed by the Council on July 20th (within which the staffing and management changes were being proposed) has been put on hold.

It is hoped that the talk underway nationally, under the auspices of the Labour Relations Commission, will achieve an outcome which will result in the current Industrial Action ceasing and in turn create the conditions for continuing the discussions and negotiations locally with Unions on the restructuring programme”

The debate was interrupted by the Chair on foot of a request to have a motion considered as Urgent Business.

C/188/10 MOTION TO DISCUSS URGENT BUSINESS

The Council considered a request signed by Clrs. Mc Garvey, Quinn, Blaney, Brogan, Mc Guinness, Mc Brearty and Harte to have the following motion discussed as Urgent Business:

“That this Council honour its obligation to Donegal Ancestry as stated by the Contract to underwrite the losses for ten Years allowing the work on the Genealogy Database for Co Donegal to continue.”

The Meetings Administrator informed the Council that in order for the motion to be considered the number voting in favour should be not less than half of the total number of members of the Council and not less than three quarters of the members present at the meeting

On the proposal of Clr. Boyle, seconded by Clr. Harvey, it was unanimously resolved to accept the motion and defer consideration of same to the Adjourned Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

C/189/10 THAT DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL’S ELECTED MEMBERS CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT TO LIFT THE EMPLOYMENT EMBARGO ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR (CONTINUED).

Members outlined the necessity of ensuring that frontline services were protected and called on Senior Management to clarify the situation in relation to the complement of staff available to deliver specific services. Prioritisation of service delivery, they acknowledged, would be required over the coming months. A lengthy debate ensued with concern being expressed at the current demands placed on staff.

The Chair complimented staff involved in a range of frontline services and in particular those working on the processing of HEG grants. It was important, he noted, that applicants were aware in advance of the importance of sourcing financial documentation early in the year.

The County Manager advised that staffing was being kept under review with a number of questions arising in relation to the correct mix and number of grades at frontline, middle management, and senior management levels. This involved engaging with the various unions and staff, which was now on hold because of the ongoing industrial relations dispute. The task now the County Manager stated was to look at the posts which could be filled and those which could be left vacant, and there was need for greater discretion to be afforded to local management in that regard.

Clr.Mc Brearty advised that his motion had been both timely and necessary given the significant reduction in services over the past year. He stated that he was in no way blaming staff for any of these problems, which he alleged were a direct result of prolonged neglect by national government. He refuted any suggestions that staff were to blame and called on Clr. Alcorn to withdraw what he deemed to be unnecessary remarks in relation to the subject of his motion.

Following a heated exchange the Chair adjourned the meeting until 4.15pm due to disorder in the Chamber.

C/190/10 RESUMPTION OF MEETING

On resumption of the meeting, the Chair stated that he was disappointed at the lack of regard for Standing Orders. It was imperative, he added, that respect be shown to the Office of Mayor or any person chairing a public meeting.

He warned that if co-operation was not forthcoming from the Members he would have to adjourn the meeting.

Clr. Mc Brearty sought a vote on the motion; however it was pointed out that the motion had the support of all Members.

A number of members alluded to the fact that disharmony in the Chamber over the past number of months had lead to considerable time wasting and public criticism, and it was essential that this be addressed.

In conclusion, Clr. Mc Brearty expressed dismay at the level of criticism directed towards him for introducing what he considered was an extremely valid motion, and once again refuted any suggestion that he had criticised the staff in Donegal County Council

This Chair then adjourned the Meeting at 4.30pm, as per earlier resolution.