

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Aras an Chontae
LEIFEAR

21 Márta 2005

Beidh an Cruinniu Comhairle Chontae Dhun na nGall ag dul ar aghaidh Dé Mairt, 29 Marta, 2005, ag **2.00 ag Arás an Chontae, Leifear**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A Chara

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniu seo den Chomhairle. Ta Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Beidh Clar Orduithe an Bhainisteora Contae le feiceal ag an gcruinniu.

Mise, le meas

A. MacSuibhne

Riarthóir Cruinniu (RUNAI CHONTAE)

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford

21st March, 2005

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Tuesday 29th March, 2005, at 2.00 p.m. 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. **Section 140 Motion**

Motion in the names of Clrs.

Ciaran Brogan

Gerry Crawford

Jimmy Harte

“In accordance with Section 140 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we the members of Donegal County Council hereby direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to John Daly & Sons, Tullygay, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal ref 05/6065, subject to such conditions as the Council may see fit to imply upon consideration of the motion or without conditions as the Council may see fit.”

2. **Confirmation of Minutes**

- (a) Confirmation of Minutes of Budget Meeting held on 07th January, 2005
- (b) Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 31st January, 2005.
- (c) Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of General Purposes Committee held on 14th February, 2005.
- (d) Confirmation of Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 14th February, 2005.
- (e) Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 22nd February, 2005.

3. **Planning Programme – Consideration of Planning Applications**

Consideration of planning application by Keeney Construction Limited, Regent House, 21 Church Road, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA 4AR, England and Donegal Co-operative, Livestock Mart Limited, Tirconnail Street, Donegal Town, County Donegal for the erection of a livestock auction building and associated facilities incorporating 73 no. stock pens; 7 no. loading bays, 2no. auction rings, offices with a total gross floor area of 71 sq. metres, cafeteria/kitchen with a total gross floor area of 140

sq. metres, toilets, 2 no. multi purpose ancillary units with a total gross floor area of 58sq. meters for commercial/office/storage use, septic tank and ancillary treatment system, 1 no. underground slurry tank, access arrangements, 224 no. car parking spaces, 29 no. lorry parking spaces, and the formation of a new priority junction on to the N15 National Primary Road on a site in the townlands of Tullyearl and Tullymornin, Donegal Town, County Donegal (Ref 04/1012)

4. **Disposal of Land- Section 211 Planning & Development Act, 2000**

- (a) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to resolve to dispose of lands at Gaddyduff, Clonmany to Mr. Bernard Harkin, Gaddyduff.
- (b) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to resolve to dispose of lands at Oldtown, Letterkenny to Respond Housing Association.
- (c) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to resolve to dispose of lands at Rahedogue, Newmills to Gerald Roarty, Hilltown, Upper Corkey, Letterkenny.
- (d) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to resolve to dispose of lands at Mountcharles to Mr. Dan Kelly, Frosses.
- (e) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to resolve to dispose of lands at Oldtown, Letterkenny to Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Rose Devlin, Oldtown, Letterkenny.

5. **Taking of decision pursuant to Planning & Development Act, 2000 (Part XI), and Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (Part 8).**

- (a) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to N15/R280 Link
- (b) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Foxhall-Churchill realignment
- (c) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Galwolie Bridge realignment
- (d) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Glenmore widening and realignment

- (e) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Killybegs Industrial Road
- (f) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Civic Amenity Site at Laghey (*Report to be circulated*)
- (g) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Civic Amenity Site at Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny. (*Report to be circulated*)
- (h) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Rathmullan Environmental Improvement Scheme
- (i) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Salt Barn Construction, Killult.
- (j) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to 18.no houses, Ballyboe, Rathmullan.
- (k) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to 10 no. houses at Carrick
- (l) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to R252 – Bellanmore – Meenagoler Road Realignment.

6. **Housing Programme**

- (a) To adopt the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2005-2008, subject to recommendations set out in Manager's Report.
- (b) Raising of a loan of €4,537,479.00 for the development of a Voluntary Housing Project at Covent Land, Carndonagh by North and West Housing Association under the Capital Loan & Subsidy Scheme.

7. **Corporate Programme**

- (a) To fix date of Annual Meeting 2005
- (b) Strategic Policy Committees :-
 - To assign Town Council nominees
 - To formally establish the Committees
- (c) Consideration of Donegal Local Authorities Scheme 2005-2008, under Section 11 of the Official Languages Act, 2003.
- (d) Request from Letterkenny Town Council that Donegal County Council appoint one member to the Donegal Drug Awareness Committee.

- (e) To approve the advertising of public display of proposed by laws on fare structure, Donegal Town Taximeter Area.

- 8. **Financial Programme**
Provision of matching funding for Islands/Other Projects
(Report to be circulated at Meeting)

- 9. **Roads & Transportation**
 - (a) To note report on NRA Grant Allocation
 - (b) To note report on Greencastle Harbour Expansion
 - (c) To note report on Placenames Order – Gaeltacht Districts 2004 – implications for road signs.

- 10. **Conferences**
21st Annual Environmental Conference to be held at the Carrigaline Court Hotel on 21st –22nd April 2005.

- 11. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

- 12. **Manager's Report**

MOTIONS

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

MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA

Miscellaneous

- 13. **Clr. N. McBride**
“That this Council pursue methods of obtaining a green card amnesty for all so called "illegal Irish immigrants" living in America” (O)

Roads & Transportation

14. Clr. I. McGarvey
“That this Council acquire the necessary funding to provide a suitable road from Letterkenny to Milford to cater for the volume of traffic using this route at present.” (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

15. Clr. L. Blaney
“That Donegal County Council considers locating a Life Guard at the Portsalon end of Ballymastoker Bay and for same to commence this Summer (2005).” (L)

STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA

Planning & Economic Development

16. Clr. A. Bonner
“That this Council commences work immediately on the masterplan for all lands zoned in and around the Drumboe Martyrs Monument in the new Ballybofey/Stranorlar Area Plan.” (L)

Roads & Transportation

17. Clr. J. J. Reid
“That the Council negotiate with the NRA to expedite the planning and building of the new proposed Stranorlar/Lifford by pass route.” (L)

GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

18. Clr. T. Slowey
“That this Council improve and streamline the reporting structures to the elected members for the delivery of Specific

Instance (S.I.) Houses from the date of approval and not from the date of commencement of construction.” (C)

Corporate Services

19. Clr. D. Alcorn
“That this Council set up a system that the elected members get priority from various sections of the Council to the reps they make and that they receive replies within one month of making those reps.” (C)

Roads & Transportation

20. Clr. B. O’Domhnaill
“That Donegal County Council recognise Doe Castle as a key flagship tourism project in the county and that funding be made available for its re-instatement.” (C)

Miscellaneous

21. Clr. Pearse Doherty
“That Donegal County Council welcomes the Sinn Féin proposals for a Green Paper on re-unification, calling on the Irish Government to initiate a consultation process across a society on the future shape of a new Ireland-this Council recognises the need for adequate preparation in advance of re-unification and endorses the call for the Dublin Government to lead an immediate and extensive consultation process with all sections of society-including Unionism - on a green paper for the re-unification of Ireland”

INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

22. Clr. P. MacLochlainn
“That Donegal County Council will construct a footpath and public lighting at Chapel Glen Road, Clonmany, to assist

pedestrians to walk safely from Clonmany to Ballyliffin.”
(L)

23. Clr. M. McDonald
“To ask this Council that one way system be introduced immediately in Merville Square?” (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

24. Clr. F. Conaghan
“That this Council progress without delay, a sewerage scheme and other associated infrastructural needs for the Burnfoot, Bridgend area.” (L)

25. Clr. D. McGonagle
“That this Council prioritise the upgrading and extension of the Ballyliffin and Clonmany Sewerage Schemes.” (L)

LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

26. Clr. C. Brogan
“I propose that this Council discuss the sewerage extension to the Bunagee area of Letterkenny with the current sewerage scheme” (L)

27. Clr. J. Harte
“That the Council send a delegation to meet with the Minister for the Environment with a view to reducing the costs of many Group Water Schemes in the county.” (C)

Community, Culture & Enterprise

28. Clr. D. Larkin
“That this Council make contact with Fingal County Council to discuss how they are developing their new skateboard park and how they are going to insure and finance same”(C)

29. Clr. T. McDaid
“In light of the recent announcement of staff cuts in Adria in Strabane, which have further deepened the jobs crisis in the East Donegal area, that this Council meets with the Councils of Strabane, Derry, Omagh and Fermanagh to develop an inter Council approach to tackling the economic crisis that exists in the North West Region” (C)

DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

30. Clr. T. Pringle
“That Donegal County Council proceed with the Killybegs Waste Water Scheme.” (L)

Community & Enterprise

31. Clr. B. O’Neill
“That this Council address the recognition of Heritage Towns in County Donegal and discuss their impact on history and tourism.” (C)

QUESTIONS

- (D) County
(M) Local
(O) Other

MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

32. Clr. I. McGarvey
“What is the projected time scale for completion of the N56 from Letterkenny to junction at Termon?” (L)

33. Clr. I. McGarvey
“Does this Council have any influence over Telecom in upgrading telephone lines in the following areas - Ballyare, Rathmullan, Glenvar, Fanad?” (L)

Community, Culture & Enterprise

34. Clr. L. Blaney
“When does Donegal County Council intend to start up the Rathmullan – Buncrana Car Ferry and how long do they intend to have this service in place for 2005?” (L)

STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

35. Clr. J.J. Reid
“Have the Council any intention of oppointing a Clerk Typist to the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Public Service Office?” (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

36. Clr. J.J. Reid
“What progress have the Council made regarding the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Swimming Pool?” (L)
37. Clr. A. Bonner
“When is the Council going to upgrade the watermain on Donegal Road, Ballybofey as there is ongoing problems and both householders and businesses are severely handicapped regularly with no water in an area of town that is fastly expanding?” (L)

Corporate Services

38. Clr. A. Bonner
“What is the up to date situation on the One Stop Shop and what is the schedule for the next 12 months?” (L)

GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

39. Clr. D. Alcorn
“Will the Cruit Bridge, Kincasslagh and the Tully Bridge, Dungloe, which are extremely dangerous at the moment be repaired during 2005?” (L)
40. Clr. D. Alcorn
“What progress is envisaged on the "Dungloe Foreshore Plan" during 2005?” (C)
41. Clr. B. O’Domhnaill
“Can Donegal County Council prioritise as part of the work on the N56, the need for a hard shoulder/footpath along the following sections of the N56:-

Creelough to Marble Hill Junction
Fanmore to Falcarragh
Falcarragh to Gortahork
Meenacuing to Crolly (via Arduns)
42. Clr. Pearse Doherty
“When and by whom was the decision taken by the Council to put the old Council offices in Dungloe up for sale, and has the option of a long term lease that is being offered by the "Rosses Community Project" being examined, which would allow them to continue the outstanding work that they are currently doing in that community?” (L)

Corporate Services

43. Clr. T. Slowey
“Will Donegal County Council make available to each elected member a computer disc/cd with all application forms required by each service within this Council?” (C)

44. Clr. T. Slowey
“Will Donegal County Council supply the electoral registers to members in disc format from April, 2005 onwards?” (C)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

45. Clr. Pearse Doherty
“What action does Donegal County Council propose to take following the results from tests in the parish of Gortahork, scheme ref DL535, that showed aluminium levels in the drinking water running at 5 times over the limit, and will the Council carry out additional tests in the areas of Machaire Rabhartaigh, Mín Lárach, Ardaí Bheag, An Bhealtaine, Gort a Choisce and An Sean Bhaile?” (L)

INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

46. Clr. P. MacLochlainn
“What plans do Donegal County Council have to upgrade the sewerage infrastructure in the village of Kilmacrennan?”
47. Clr. R. Donaghey
“What is the current position regarding the Buncrana Sewerage Scheme, 4.7m has been approved to advance the scheme through planning, what advancement has been made to date?” (L)

Roads & Transportation

48. Clr. P. MacLochlainn
“Are Donegal County Council aware of any plans by a Government Department to address the ongoing serious problem of siltation and coastal erosion at Port Mor Pier, Malin Head, and if so can matching funding be provided by the Council?” (L)

49. Clr. F. Conaghan
“Why are the lights still not lit on the pedestrian crossings at Moness Cottages, Burt?” (L)
50. Clr. M. McDonald
“To ask this Council what efforts have been made to address dangerous junction at Casey’s Corner, Ballybrack, Moville?” (L)
51. Clr. D. McGonagle
“When will the pedestrian crossing be erected at the Church Road, Carndonagh?” (L)
52. Clr. D. McGonagle
“Is this Council in a position to appoint new contractors to maintain public lighting?” (C)

Corporate Services

53. Clr. F. Conaghan
“What works are to be carried out by Donegal County Council in the Newtowncunningham area (under all the Directorates) during 2005?” (C)

Housing

54. Clr. M. McDonald
“To ask this Council what efforts have been made for acquiring land for housing at Quigley’s Point?” (L)

Community, Culture & Enterprise

55. Clr. R. Donaghey
“When will the Buncrana Ferry be starting as there are a number of enquiries about it at the local tourist office already?” (L)

LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

56. Clr. D. Larkin
“When will construction start on the new Council houses in Manor and how many will be affordable and at what cost?”
(L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

57. Clr. D. Larkin
“Will the Council give the Councillors of Letterkenny area a full report on where the proposal for building a new treatment plant for Letterkenny is given the fact we are being fined by Europe for our present treatment plant?” (L)

Roads & Transportation

58. Clr. T. McDaid
“Will this Council commit the necessary funding to install traffic lights at Clady Bridge to facilitate traffic safety and to prevent further damage to the parapets of this listed structure?” (L)

59. Clr. T. McDaid
“When will this Council commence the low cost accident remedial works at Hillhead, St. Johnston?” (L)

60. Clr. C. Brogan
“When will works start on construction of N56 at Mountaintop?” (L)

61. Clr. C. Brogan
“When will the Lisnenan to Carnamuggagh Road be finished and open to traffic?” (L)

62. Clr. G. Crawford
“What progress has been made in relation to repairs and maintenance of traffic calming islands/bollards and overhead lighting county wide following recent motion and debate of this matter by the Council?” (C)

63. Clr. G. Crawford
“Will this Council provide disabled parking bays at :-

- The Post Office, Lifford

- Ray National School, Manorcunningham

DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA

Community, Culture & Enterprise

64. Clr. T. Pringle
“What has been the record of attendance by council members and officials at ICBAN and NWRCBG since June, 2004?” (C)
65. Clr. T. Pringle
“Will this Council present a report on the work of ICBAN and NWRCBG since June, 2004?” (C)

Corporate Services

66. Clr. S. McEniff
“When do the Council hope to have the new offices and library in Ballyshannon operational”? (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

67. Clr. B. Byrne
“Will this Council ensure that a Council depot is obtained for Kilcar-Glencolmbkille area, for the benefit of the roads section etc. and to the advantage of overall service delivery in that area?” (L)
68. Clr. B. Byrne
“When will the Malinmore Sewerage Plant be commissioned?” (L)

Roads & Transportation

69. Clr. B.O’Neill
“What works do Donegal County Council plan to undertake on the Main Road leading to the Council dump at Ballintra called locally “The Bog Road” as it is in a terrible state?” (L)

70. Clr. B O'Neill
“Can Donegal County Council confirm a start date for the Ballyshannon Sewerage Scheme-which is of crucial importance to the region?” (L)

MOTIONS FROM OTHER COUNCILS

71. CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL
“That 50% of Councillors expenses arising from attendance at the Conference on Suicide Prevention & Awareness in the Abbey Manor Hotel, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim on the 18th & 19th February be donated to a charity nominated by the sponsors of the Conference.”

72. LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL
“That this Council requests the Minister for Social Welfare, Mr. Seamus Brennan, to introduce a scheme of waiver of refuse collection charges for social welfare recipients, pensioners and other such persons. Such waivers were in operation in this Council prior to the service being privatised; it is still provided by some local authorities. The Minister has said he is still considering dealing with the provision of waivers in counties such as ours. We urge the Minister to introduce a waiver system as soon as possible to provide for the elderly, the infirm and the needy in our county and that this resolution when passed be circulated to all local authorities.”

73. DERRY CITY COUNCIL
“Derry City Council
- Notes the concerns expressed regarding the conditions under which people with learning difficulties are accessing work places in the Derry City Council Area.
 - Recognises that all our citizens have equal worth and value
 - Commits to the review of current practices regarding such work placements
 - Calls on the Mayor to convene a meeting of interested parties, including DESTINED, to examine current practices in the Derry City Council area and to compare this with practice elsewhere throughout Ireland

- Send a copy of this motion to all Councils throughout Ireland urging that they endorse this motion and conduct similar reviews and send details of their findings to the Mayor's Office.”

74. GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

“That each member of Galway County Council donate €1,000 of their Conference money to help the victims of the tsunami Disaster.”

75. KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

“That this Council calls on the Government to make full and fair restitution to medical card holders, or to their next of kin where appropriate, who, as residents of long stay hospitals or nursing homes, had 80% of their social welfare entitlement illegally deducted. That this Council condemns the Governments paltry offer of €2000 to each affected hospital/nursing home resident as this is but a tiny fraction of the amount which has been unjustly taken. That this Council further ask the Government to investigate, openly and honestly, if work related pensions were in part or fully retained by the Health Board or their agents.”

76. KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

That Kerry County Council lobby the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism to make a special roads grant available for improvements to tourism routes in the country. A similar type grant for tourism routes was in place up to the 1990's. This grant to be used on roads, car parks and bridges that satisfy the pre agreed criteria. Tourism is very important to Ireland and as such our scenic areas need to be displayed at their best.”

77. NAAS COUNTY COUNCIL

“That this Council again requests that the Minister for Justice immediately activates the necessary legal and constitutional measures to create a Garda Reserve Force, organised on a regional basis and with emphasis on community “protection” requirements in developing towns like Naas.”

78. LONGFORD TOWN COUNCIL
“That each local authority be requested to write to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government requesting that guidelines be prepared for the calculation of the county demand.”
79. BUNDORAN TOWN COUNCIL
“That Donegal County Council erect more public seating along the Main Street.”

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD,
ON 29TH MARCH, 2005

C/122/05 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. P. McGowan, Cathaoirleach, D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, A. Bonner, E. Bonner, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, Pearse Doherty, R. Donaghey, J. Harte, P. Kennedy, D. Larkin, N. McBride, T. McDaid, M. McDonald, S. McEniff, I. McGarvey, D. McGonagle, B. McGuinness, P. MacLochlainn, B. O'Domhnaill, B. O'Neill, T. Pringle and J.J. Reid.

C/123/05 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Michael McLoone, County Manager, Mr. Liam Kelly, Assistant County Manager/Director Housing, Mr. Jim Holohan, Director Water, Environment & Emergency Services, Mr. Francie Coyle, Director Planning & Economic Development, Mr. Sean Sheridan, Director Corporate Services, Mr. James Boyle, Senior Engineer, Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Ms. AnnMarie Crawford, S.O. Corporate Services.

C/124/05 SECTION 140- MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION BY JOHN DALY & SONS FOR RETENTION OF EXISTING ENTRANCE, ACCESS ROAD AND EXISTING FILLING MATERIAL AND PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT A WORKSHOP/MANUFACTURING UNIT AT TULLYGAY, LETTERKENNY.

The Cathaoirleach advised that a Section 140 Motion had been received in the names of Clrs. Brogan, Crawford and Harte.

Prior to consideration of the above item, the Meetings Administrator carried out a roll call of members present and recorded as in attendance those listed below:-

Clrs. P. McGowan, Cathaoirleach, D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, A. Bonner, E. Bonner, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, R. Donaghey, J. Harte, P. Kennedy, D. Larkin, N. McBride, T. McDaid, M. McDonald, S.

McEniff, I. McGarvey, D. McGonagle, B. McGuinness, P. MacLochlainn, B. O'Domhnaill, B. O'Neill, T. Pringle and J.J. Reid. (26)

Mr. Francie Coyle, Director Planning & Economic Development, read into the record the report from Mr. Jim Harley, Senior Planner, dated 22nd March, 2005, together with his own advice to members and a letter of objection to the development from Ms. Karen Elliot, Tullygay, Letterkenny.

He informed members that a number of previous applications had been refused given the proximity of the development to Conwall Graveyard.

Mr. Harley's report recommended that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:-

- “1. Having regard to the location of the site in an attractive rural landscape in the flood plain of the river Swilly below the level of nearby Conwal early ecclesiastical site, and the proximity and visual relationship of the site of the proposed development to the ecclesiastical site, it is considered that the proposed development would constitute a visually discordant and incompatible feature in the setting of the ecclesiastical site and it would seriously detract from the setting of the ecclesiastical site. It is also considered that the proposed development would injure the amenities of the area and would accordingly, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The development of a workshop/manufacturing unit in the open countryside and unrelated to any commercial nucleus would militate against the preservation of the rural landscape and the Swilly valley and would establish an undesirable precedent for similar development in the future and would thereby be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
3. The proposed site is located along an important approach road to Letterkenny Town from the west, from which views of the town and St. Eunan's Cathedral spire remain unspoilt. To permit the

development would introduce an unacceptable intrusion on the views to the town and would accordingly, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

4. The development of this site, if permitted, would seriously interfere with the river Swilly drainage system in that back drains have been back filled and access to the Swilly River and its tributary for the R350 public road would be prejudiced.

Clr. Brogan informed members that the Daly family had been providing a memorial service for over eighty years and were willing to comply with the Schedule of Conditions imposed. This, he noted, was to be commended given the stringent nature of the conditions imposed.

Mr. Francie Coyle, Director Planning & Economic Development advised members that they needed to outline exactly why they were not accepting the Senior Planner's report.

Clr. Brogan, in reply, stated that the Daly family had operated a longstanding business, which now needed to develop and expand and thus, for this reason, was now before the members today.

Clr. McGarvey in supporting the motion advised that the applicants had experienced great difficulty obtaining a suitable site.

On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Harte, the following motion was put to the meeting by the Cathaoirleach, and a recorded vote taken by the Meetings Administrator:-

“That in accordance with Section 140 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we the members of Donegal County Council hereby resolve that a decision be made to grant planning permission to John Daly & Sons for retention of existing entrance, access road and existing filling material and also planning permission to construct a workshop/manufacturing unit at Tullygay, Letterkenny, the subject of planning permission no. 05/6065.”

The vote resulted in 22 for with 4 abstentions.

Those voting in favour were:-

Clrs. Alcorn, Blaney, A. Bonner, E. Bonner, Boyle, Brogan, Byrne, Conaghan, Crawford, Donaghey, Harte, Kennedy, Larkin, McBride, McDonald, McEniff, McGarvey, McGonagle, McGowan, McGuinness, O'Domhnaill and O'Neill. (22)

Clrs. McDaid, MacLochlainn, Pringle and Reid abstained.

The Cathaoirleach declared the motion carried.

Mr. Francie Coyle read into the record the Schedule of Conditions which Mr. Jim Harley, Senior Planner had recommended in his report should be attached in the event of the Council deciding to grant permission.

It was proposed by Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Harte, that the Schedule of Conditions recommended by the Senior Planner be attached to the permission.

A recorded vote was taken by the Meetings Administrator resulting in 22 for with 4 abstentions.

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Clrs. McDaid, MacLochlainn, Pringle and Reid abstained.

The Cathaoirleach declared the motion carried.

C/125/05

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were proposed to the following:-

- Noelle Reid, Clerical Officer, Housing Construction on the death of her Grandfather, Gerry McGrenra.

- Eunan Quinn, Senior Executive Planner, on the death of his father, Vincent Quinn.
- Terre Duffy, Public Arts Manager, Co. Library, on the death of her father, Tadgh Duffy
- Mairéad Maguire, Staff Officer, Housing, Letterkenny on the death of her aunt, Mary McCarron.
- Marie Quinn, Assistant Staff Officer, Finance, on the death of her mother in law, Kitty Quinn.
- Ann McGloin, Clerical Officer, MotorTax on the death of her uncle, Sean McPhilemy.
- Bridie Faulkner, Assistant Staff Officer, Sanitary Services on the death of her sister, Alice Fealty.
- John McGarrigle, Donegal Road, Ballyshannon, on the death of his wife Bridget.
- The family of the late Clr. Paul O’Faighill, Galway County Council.

C/126/05 MOTION TO HAVE MATTER DISCUSSED AS URGENT BUSINESS

A request signed by Clrs. McGarvey, Blaney, Brogan, McEniff, Conaghan, Byrne and McBride to have the following motion discussed under Standing Orders as urgent business was placed before the Council:-

“That this Council discuss as urgent business, the water crisis that exists in Ramelton and District for some years and as a matter of urgency the Council to provide €150,000 for a facilitating main from Ards to alleviate the lack of sufficient water to this whole area.”

It was resolved that the matter be dealt with in accordance with Standing Orders at 5.45p.m.

C/127/05 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING HELD ON 07TH JANUARY, 2005

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Brogan, the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 07th January, 2005, were adopted.

- C/128/05 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 31ST JANUARY, 2005.
On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. McEniff, the Minutes of Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 31st January, 2005, were adopted.
- C/129/05 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY, 2005.
On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. McEniff, the Minutes of Meeting of General Purposes Committee held on 14th February, 2005, were adopted.
- C/130/05 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY, 2005
On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. McEniff, the Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 14th February, 2005, were adopted.
- C/131/05 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND FEBRUARY, 2005
On the proposal of Clr. McEniff, seconded by Clr. Crawford, the Minutes of Special Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 22nd February, 2005, were adopted.
- C/132/05 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION BY KEENEY CONSTRUCTION LIMITED, (REGENT HOUSE, 21 CHURCH ROAD, STANMORE, MIDDLESEX, HA 4AR, ENGLAND) AND DONEGAL CO-OPERATIVE, LIVESTOCK MART LIMITED, TIRCONNAILL STREET, DONEGAL TOWN, COUNTY DONEGAL FOR THE ERECTION OF A LIVESTOCK AUCTION BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES INCORPORATING 73 NO. STOCK PENS; 7 NO. LOADING BAYS, 2NO. AUCTION RINGS, OFFICES WITH A TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 71 SQ. METRES, CAFETERIA/KITCHEN WITH A TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 140 SQ. METRES, TOILETS, 2 NO. MULTI PURPOSE ANCILLARY UNITS WITH A

TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 58SQ. METERS FOR COMMERCIAL/OFFICE/STORAGE USE, SEPTIC TANK AND ANCILLARY TREATMENT SYSTEM, 1 NO. UNDERGROUND SLURRY TANK, ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS, 224 NO. CAR PARKING SPACES, 29 NO. LORRY PARKING SPACES, SECURITY FENCING AND SIGNAGE ON SITE AND THE FORMATION OF A NEW PRIORITY JUNCTION ON TO THE N15 NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD ON A SITE IN THE TOWNLANDS OF TULLYEARL AND TULLYMORNIN, DONEGAL TOWN, COUNTY DONEGAL (REF 04/1012)

Clr. O'Neill advised that he wished to withdraw the Section 140 motion submitted in respect of the above application.

Clr. Kennedy acknowledged the decision and thanked Keeney Construction Ltd.

C/133/05 DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT GADDYDUFF, CLONMANY
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Clr. Donaghey, seconded by Clr. McDonald, it was resolved to dispose of lands at Gaddyduff, Clonmany to Mr. Bernard Harkin in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

C/134/05 DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT OLDTOWN, LETTERKENNY
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Clr. Harte, seconded by Clr. Brogan, it was resolved to dispose of lands at Oldtown, Letterkenny to Respond Housing Association in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

C/135/05 DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT RAHEDOGUE, NEWMILLS
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Clr. Blaney, seconded by Clr. Larkin, it was resolved to dispose of lands at Rashedogue, Newmills to Mr. Gerard Roarty, Hilltown, Upper Corkey, Letterkenny in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and

Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

- C/136/05 DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT MOUNTCHARLES
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. Boyle, seconded by Clr. Byrne, it was resolved to dispose of lands at Mountcharles to Mr. Dan Kelly, Frosses, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- C/137/05 DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT OLDTOWN, LETTERKENNY
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
Mr. James Boyle, Senior Engineer, Roads advised that condition number 5 had been amended to read as follows:-
“No structure should be erected on this portion of land until after the widening of the Oldtown Bridge.”

On the proposal of Clr. Larkin, seconded by Clr. Brogan, it was resolved to dispose of lands at Oldtown, Letterkenny to Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Rose Devllin, subject to the above amendment, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- C/138/05 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO N15/R280 LINK
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
Clr. Larkin requested that a report be made available outlining whether or not the Tullyearl Junction, Donegal, had been designed in accordance with the N.R.A. manual for roads and bridges.
On the proposal of Clr. O’Neill, seconded by Clr. Byrne, the carrying out of works under Part XI, Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 with regard to the N15/R280 Link Road was approved.

C/139/05 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO FOXHILL-
CHURCHILL REALIGNMENT

Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, and additional report circulated prior to the meeting, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Clr. Blaney, seconded by Clr. Lakrin, the carrying out of works under Part XI, Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, with regard to Foxhill-Churchill Realignment was approved.

C/140/05 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO
GALWOLIE BRIDGE REALIGNMENT

Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, and additional report, circulated during the meeting, in relation to the above.

It was noted that item 5(d) on the agenda in relation to the carrying out of works at Glenmore was part of the Galwolie Bridge Realignment, thus, items 5(c) and 5(d) were taken together.

Clr. Pearse Doherty voiced concern that this matter was being rushed through in spite of valid objections to the proposed works. There was, he advised, a need for greater consultation before any decision was reached, given that the end result would be to destroy the livelihood of a small farmer.

He queried whether contact had been made with the objectors.

Mr. James Boyle, Senior Engineer, Roads advised that details in relation to the severing of lands were generally dealt with at a later stage. It was, he added, normal practice to go through the planning process first and then deal with compensation issues.

Mr. Francie Coyle, Director Planning & Economic Development informed members that approval of the proposed works did not entitle Donegal County Council to move on to anybody's land. There would, he advised, have to be negotiations with the landowners concerned.

On the proposal of Clr. A. Bonner, seconded by Clr. McGowan, the carrying out of works under Part XI Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and

Development Regulations 2001, with regard to Galwolie Bridge Realignment was approved.

- C/141/05 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO KILLYBEGS INDUSTRIAL ROAD.
Members were informed that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda, pending further consideration of the matter by the Planning Department.
- C/142/05 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO CIVIC AMENITY SITE AT LAGHEY.
Members considered the report, circulated during the meeting, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. Pringle, seconded by Clr. O'Neill, the carrying out of works under Part XI Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, with regard to Civic Amenity Site at Laghey was approved.
- C/143/05 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO CIVIC AMENITY SITE AT CARNAMUGGAGH, LETTERKENNY
Members considered the report, circulated during the meeting, in relation to the above.
It was agreed to defer consideration of this item to later in the meeting.
- C/144/05 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO RATHMULLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
Clr. Blaney stated that he was unhappy with the outcome of the public consultation process and requested that the project be deferred until an independent survey was carried out in the Rathmullan area.
Clr. McGarvey advised; however, that the public consultation process had been carried out effectively and efficiently and that the way forward was to proceed with the scheme. This, he noted, would involve the demolition of the existing Potato Store.

A lengthy debate ensued with a number of members in agreement that the removal of the Potato Store would have a detrimental effect on the future employment potential of the Rathmullan area; the opportunity now existed, they agreed, to create a vibrant working harbour.

Clr. Brogan enquired as to whether or not the funding would remain in place if approval was deferred.

Mr. Francie Coyle, Director Planning & Economic Development, advised that the demolition of the Potato Store was essential as the area in question had become extremely dilapidated. He stated that the public consultation process had been a lengthy and transparent process with the outcome clearly indicating what the people of Rathmullan wanted. The location of the project had, he noted, been chosen by local people, who had clearly indicated how the money should be spent. Mr. Coyle informed members that if they did not approve the works in question B.M.W. funding of €300,000 would be lost.

Clr. Larkin stated that clarification was required from the people who would be directly affected by the project and noted that any opportunity to create employment should be welcomed.

Mr. Francie Coyle, Director noted that it had taken twelve months to arrive at this stage of the process, and that overall it would take eighteen months to get the project underway. He reminded members that B.M.W. funding would end in 2007 and that the works proposed could only be undertaken between October and March.

Referring to the proposed plans for the Potato Store, Mr. Coyle stated that he was unaware as to whether such proposals were sustainable and that various funding and insurance issues etc. needed to be further investigated. He advised that approval of the proposed works was a matter for the members themselves and that no action would be taken in relation to the project for a three month period, so as to allow the local business group sufficient time to draw up a designated business plan to initiate the appropriate funding applications.

On the proposal of Clr. Blaney, seconded by Clr. Brogan, the carrying out of works under Part XI Planning and

Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, with regard to Rathmullan Environmental Improvement Scheme was approved subject to a three month stay of action, to allow the association to submit evidence that funding is in place (from letters of offer), a detailed business plan, plans and drawings and evidence of own resources for refurbishment of the Potato Store.

C/145/05 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO SALT BARN CONSTRUCTION, KILLULT.

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

On the proposal of Clr. Pearse Doherty, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, the carrying out of works under Part XI Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, with regard to Salt Barn at Killult, was approved.

C/146/05 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO 18 NO. HOUSES AT BALLYBOE, RATHMULLAN

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

On the proposal of Clr. MacLochlainn, seconded by Clr. McBride, the carrying out of works under Part XI Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, with regard to 18 no houses at Ballyboe, Rathmullan was approved.

C/147/05 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO 10 NO. HOUSES AT CARRICK.

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

On the proposal of Clr. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Pringle, the carrying out of works under Part XI Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, with regard to 10 no. houses at Carrick was approved.

- C/148/05 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO R252
BELLANMORE-MEENAGOLER ROAD
REALIGNMENT
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda and additional report circulated during the meeting, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. Pearse Doherty, seconded by Clr. Brogan, the carrying out of works under Part XI Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, with regard to R252 – Bellanmore –Meenagoler Road Realignment was approved.
- C/149/05 TO ADOPT DRAFT TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION
PROGRAMME 2005-2008
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. Larkin, seconded by Clr. Brogan, it was resolved to adopt the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2005-2008, as per the recommendations set out in the Manager’s Report.
- C/150/05 RAISING OF A LOAN OF 4,537,479.00 FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A VOLUNTARY HOUSING
PROJECT AT CONVENT LAND, CARNDONAGH BY
NORTH AND WEST HOUSING ASSOCIATION.
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. McGonagle, seconded by Clr. McGuinness, the following resolution was adopted:-

“That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960 and Section 26 of the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1992, we, the members of Donegal County Council hereby authorise the raising of a loan in the sum of €4,537,479.00 from the Housing Finance agency for the purpose of funding a Voluntary Housing Project at Convent Land, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.”
- C/151/05 TO FIX DATE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
On the proposal of Clr. McGuinness, seconded by Clr. Harte, it was resolved to hold the Annual General Meeting of

Donegal County Council on Friday 24th June, 2005 at 11.00am in the County House, Lifford.

C/152/05 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES.

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

Clr. MacLochlainn requested that the County Secretary write to the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government seeking a greater representation for Town Councils on County Council's SPC's.

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Brogan, it was agreed that the Town Council nominees be assigned to the Strategic Policy Committees as outlined below:-

<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>SPC</i>
Joe Doherty	Buncrana	Housing
Victor Fisher	Letterkenny	Roads & Transportation
Jim Lynch	Letterkenny	Water, Environment & Emergency
Tiernan Brady	Bundoran	Planning & Economic Development
Phonsie Travers	Ballyshannon	Community, Cultural & Corporate

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Pearse Doherty, membership of the Strategic Policy Committees was approved:-

1. Housing SPC

County Councillor	Town	Sectoral	Pillar
Francis Conaghan (Chair)	Clr. Joe Doherty	Mr. Jack Hickey, Loughnagin Developments, Cornagill, Letterkenny	Commerce
Marian McDonald		Mr. Brendan O'Donnell,	Trade Union

		Barnhill, Letterkenny	
Denis McGonagle		Mr. Oliver Duffy, Dramose Developments Ltd, 2 Rosemount, Letterkenny	C.I.F.
Padraig Doherty		Ms. Siobhan McLaughlin, Donegal Travellers Project, Mountain Top, Letterkenny	Community Forum
Jimmy Harte			
Tony McDaid			
Liam Blaney			

2. Roads & Transportation

County Councillor	Town	Sectoral	Pillar
John Boyle (Chair)	Clr. Victor Fisher	Mr. Martin Hilferty, Orbit Security, Pinehill Ind. Est. Letterkenny	Commerce
Noel McBride		Mr. Brian Brogan, SARK Construction Ltd, Sockar, Trentagh, Letterkenny	C.I.F.
Terence Slowey		Mr. John McFadden, Kerrykeel Development Association, Ochtore, Fanad	Community Forum
Liam Blaney		Mr. Rodger Gibbons, Gortin House, Ballindrait	Farming Pillar
Padraig MacLochlainn			
Sean McEniff			
David Alcorn			
Enda Bonner			
Patrick McGowan			

- 1 nominee
Fishing/Aquaculture

3. Planning & Economic Development

County Councillor	Town	Sectoral	Pillar
Brian O'Domhnaill (Chair)	Clr. Tiernan Brady	Mr. Adrian Gallagher, Career Wear Ltd, Lisnanees, Woodlands, Letterkenny	Commerce
Dessie Larkin		Mr. Keith Roulston, Moneymore, Netowncunningham	Farming
Marian McDonald		Ms. Ann Wilkinson, 7 Carolina Park, Letterkenny	Trade Union
Ciaran Brogan		Mr. Eddie McGettigan, Edward McGettigan Construction, Kilconnell, The Gleber, Kilmacrennan	C.I.F
Peter Kennedy		Mr. Seamus MacRuairi, The Rosses Community Groups, Annagaire Thiar, Annagaire,	Community Forum
Rena Donaghey		Ms. Mary McSuibhne Bothar an tSeipéal, Falcarragh	Conservation
Denis McGonagle			
Sean McEniff			
J.J. Reid			
Bernard McGuinness			
Barry O'Neill			
Pearse Doherty			
Padraig MacLochlainn			

- 2 nominees
Fishing/Aquaculture

4. Water, Environment & Emergency Services SPC

County Councillor	Town	Sectoral	Pillar
Peter Kennedy (Chair)	Clr. Jim Lynch	Mr. Mick Quinlivan, AMH, Pinehill Ind. Est, Letterkenny	Commerce
Thomas Pringle		Mr. Michael Chance, Drumbarnett, Manorcunningham	Farming
Noel McBride		Mr. Michael Mullin, Inver Village Enterprise Group, Inver	Community Forum
Padraig Doherty		Mr. Joe Getins	Environmental
Alice Bonner			
Brendan Byrne			
Gerry Crawford			

5. Community, Cultural & Corporate SPC

County Councillor	Town	Sectoral	Pillar
Gerry Crawford (Chair)	Clr. Phonsie Travers	Mr. Michael Carey, Carrowbeg, Lecamey	Farming
Ian McGarvey		Mr. Patrick Hannon, Listillion, Letterkenny	Trade Union
Bernard McGuinness		Mr. John Lafferty, Upper Drumany, Letterkenny	Trade Union
Barry O'Neill		Mr. John Henry McLaughlin, Carrowmore, Malin	Community Forum
Alice Bonner			
Enda Bonner			
Brendan Byrne			
Francis Conaghan			
Tony McDaid			

On the proposal of Clr. Alcorn, seconded by Clr. McGuinness, it was agreed that a meeting of the Fisheries Committee be convened in April, 2005.
Mr. Sean Sheridan, Director Corporate Services, advised that meetings of the respective SPC's would be convened over the next few weeks.

C/153/05 CONSIDERATION OF DONEGAL LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHEME 2005-2008 UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT, 2003.

Rinne na baill plé ar an tuairisc thuasluaite, a cuireadh thart leis an chlár.

D'fhiafraigh an Comhairle Piaras Ó Dochartaigh arbh fhéidir an scéim a leasú ag an pointe seo. Mhínigh Seán Sheridan, Stiúrthóir na Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, go raibh próiseas leathan comhairleoireachta maidir le hullmhú na scéime agus go leor oibre déanta leis an spriodháta den 29 Márta a bhaint amach. D'aontaigh sé go ndéanfadh sé an scéal a fhiosrú, féachaint an féidir moltaí breise a chur leis, agus d'iarr sé ar na baill a gcuid tuairimí a chur in iúl i scríbhinn.

Ar mholadh ón Chomhairleoir Ó Cinnéide, agus Daithí Alcorn ag tacú leis, tacaíodh le Dréachtscéim Údaráis Áitiúla Dhún na nGall 2005-2008.

Ar mholadh ón Chomhairleoir Piaras Ó Dochartaigh, agus an Comhairleoir Daithí Alcorn ag tacú leis, aontaíodh gurb é Coiste na Gaeilge a ghlacfadh ceannasaíocht maidir le cur i bhfeidhm na scéime.

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

Clr. Pearse Doherty enquired if it was possible to amend the document at this point in time.

Mr. Sean Sheridan, Director Corporate Services advised that there had been wide ranging consultation in the preparation of the scheme with considerable effort involved in reaching the 29th March deadline. He agreed to investigate the possibility of including additional items and requested members to forward their suggestions, in writing.

On the proposal of Clr. Kennedy, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, the Draft Donegal Local Authorities Scheme 2005-2008 was endorsed.

On the proposal of Clr. Pearse Doherty, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, it was resolved that Coiste Na Gaeilge should lead the implementation of the scheme.

C/154/05

REQUEST FROM LETTERKENNY TOWN COUNCIL THAT DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE DONEGAL DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, advised members that as far as he could establish no terms of reference existed for this Committee and that a similar request had been sent to the other Town Councils in the county. Furthermore, he advised that this was a Committee of Letterkenny Town Council.

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. McGuinness, it was resolved to appoint the Cathaoirleach of the day, Clr. Patrick McGowan, or his nominee, to the Donegal Drugs Awareness Committee.

C/155/05 TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISING OF PUBLIC DISPLAY OF PROPOSED BY LAWS ON FARE STRUCTURE, DONEGAL TOWN TAXIMETER AREA.
Members considered the report, circulated prior to the meeting, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Clr. Kennedy, seconded by Clr. Boyle, it was resolved that the Draft Donegal Town Taximeter Area Bylaws be published in accordance with Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles)(Amendment)(No.3) Regulations 2000 (SI No. 367 of 2000) and Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles)(Amendment) Regulations 2001 (SI 38 of 2001).

C/156/05 PROVISION OF MATCHING FUNDING FOR ISLANDS/OTHER PROJECTS.
Members considered the report, circulated during the meeting, in relation to the above.
It was generally agreed that the provision of special matching funding was essential for the future development of the islands.
Clr. Alcorn noted that there had been a problem in 2003 when islands monies had remained unspent. He asked the County Manager and the relevant Directors of Service to ensure that there was a 100% spend of islands monies in 2005 so as to ensure the success of the 2006 programme.

Clr. Conaghan requested that a breakdown of the monies to be drawn down from the Roadwork's Programme be made available at the next Inishowen Electoral Area Meeting.

On the proposal of Clr. Larkin, seconded by Clr. Pearse Doherty, it was resolved that special matching funding of €150,000, provided under the Development Fund 2005 Adopted Budget be utilised for islands on a county wide basis in 2005, to enable the draw down of grants from the relevant departments of state with the shortfall to be made

available from the Roadwork's Programme Budgets in the Glenties and Inishowen Electoral Areas.

- C/157/05 TO NOTE REPORT ON NRA GRANT ALLOCATION
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, it was agreed that a letter be forwarded to the NRA, expressing the Council's appreciation for the 2005 to have works carried out during the year.
Clr. Larkin requested further clarification on the monies allocated to the Letterkenny Dual Carriageway and enquired whether the post of Road Safety Engineer with Donegal County Council had been filled.
He called for a meeting to be held with the Director of Roads and Transportation, Mr. John McLaughlin to discuss the overall funding allocation for roads maintenance.

The County Manager stated that he would check what was actually charged to roads maintenance and thus try to provide a clearer picture as to the cost base. He advised that he would also look at the structure of the Roadworks Programme with Mr. John McLaughlin, Director Roads & Transportation. Members were also reminded that benchmarking monies had yet to be paid.

- C/158/05 TO NOTE REPORT ON GREENCASTLE HARBOUR EXTENSION
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
Clr. MacLochlainn welcomed the discussion on the matter and noted that there now was a serious need to develop Greencastle Harbour.

- C/159/05 TO NOTE REPORT ON PLACENAMES ORDER GAELTACHT DISTRICTS 2004
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
Clr. A. Bonner requested that consideration be given to restaurant owners, particularly in relation to the positioning of sandwich boards outside restaurants. She called for a

relaxation of the order until such time as further debate could take place on the issue.

Members were in agreement that the legislation would be most beneficial to the county and advised that the Planning Department should provide a template for communal signage.

General queries were raised in relation to the authority of the Roads Section to enforce the legislation and the possibility of the various Town Councils adopting conflicting policies. Clr. Kennedy asked Mr. James Boyle, Senior Engineer to follow up on signs at Legamy and Dummy's Bridge. The County Manager stated that he would come back to members with a response on the general issues.

C/160/05 21ST ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE CARRIGALINE COURT HOTEL ON 21ST -22ND APRIL 2005

Consideration of attendance at the above Conference was deferred.

C/161/05 CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

Consideration of the above item was deferred.

C/162/05 MANAGER'S REPORT

The Council noted the contents of the Manager's Report, which was circulated with the agenda, and the attached addendum, which was circulated prior to the meeting.

CIVIC RECEPTION

The County Manager advised that the Corporate Policy Group had considered a request from Mr. Traolach Ó Fionaín, County Arts Officer to hold a Civic Reception for Leo and Baba Brennan. Croich Slí, Gaoth Dobhair.

On the proposal of Clr. McGuinness, seconded by Clr. Kennedy, it was resolved to hold a civic reception for Leo and Baba Brennan in July, 2005 in honour of the major musical achievements of the Brennan family.

DATES FOR WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL MEETING

Members unanimously agreed to hold the following workshops and Special Council Meeting in relation to the publication of the Draft Donegal County Development Plan 2006-2012:-

- Monday 11th April 2005 – Workshop at 9.30am in the County House, Lifford.
- Monday 18th April 2005 - Workshop at 9.30am in the County House, Lifford.
- Monday 25th April, 2005- Special Meeting of Donegal County Council at 9.30am in the County House, Lifford.

BROADBAND ACTION PLAN

Members welcomed the assistance given to the development of the Metropolitan Area Networks.

STRANORLAR PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Clr. Larkin voiced concern in relation to the County Manager's proposals for the funding of the proposed Stranorlar Public Service Centre. He stated that while he had always been fully supportive of the Stranorlar offices and the implementation of Phase II of the works at the County House, he had serious reservations in relation to Donegal County Council disposing of the three sites in the Letterkenny Electoral Area. He enquired whether these sites were actually owned by Donegal County Council.

Clr. Larkin also advised that the matter had not been discussed by the Letterkenny Electoral Area Committee and that members should have been forewarned of any such development. Such proposals, he noted, could not be approved without greater discussion.

Clr. A. Bonner expressed her disappointment at Clr. Larkin's comments and queried whether the Department had been informed of the proposed funding.

A heated debate ensued, with a number of members calling for the adoption of a common sense approach to the matter. Clr. Pearse Doherty, in welcoming the proposal, queried :-

- The exact nature of the package members were being asked to approve and

- Whether or not an opportunity existed to oppose the proposals?

Clr. Larkin reminded members that he had in the past called for an audit of Council lands and properties, an exercise he stated that could only be of benefit to the entire county.

Clr. Crawford, in supporting the proposal, stated that it was imperative given the success of the decentralisation programme that consideration be given to the progression of Phase II work on the County House.

The Cathaoirleach reminded members that the Stranorlar area was the only Electoral Area without a Public Service Centre.

The County Manager informed members that the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government had been very clear in relation to the issue of funding. Department guidelines, he noted had confirmed that there was to be no more dependency on loan charges and that funding of the building programme would have to come from the Council's own resources.

An inventory of assets was being drawn up, he confirmed, and the next step was to convince the Department that Donegal County Council owned sufficient assets to finance the overall capital spend on the projects. Members were informed that no property would be disposed of without the full consent of the Council.

Clr. A. Bonner proposed, seconded by Clr. MacLochlainn

“That the County Manager's proposals be submitted to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government as part of the submission to obtain funding for the proposed Stranorlar Public Services Centre.”

An amendment was proposed by Clr. Larkin, seconded by Clr. Harte

“That the Council does not include the three sites in the Letterkenny area as part of the submission to obtain funding for the proposed Stranorlar Public Service Centre.”

The Cathaoirleach then called for a show of hands and declared that the outcome was that of a majority of members supported the motion.

REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE, LETTERKENNY

Members acknowledged the development of a new Regional Cultural Centre in Letterkenny and enquired whether the formation of the Donegal Community and Cultural Development Company Limited was for the construction phase of the project only.

C/163/05 DATE FOR ADJOURNED MEETING

As it was 5.45pm, and the Council had resolved to consider a motion under Urgent Business, it was resolved on the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Conaghan to adjourn the remaining business to Wednesday 06th April, 2005 at 11.00am.

C/164/05 CONSIDERATION OF MOTION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS.

“That this Council discuss as urgent business, the water crisis that exists in Ramelton and District for some years and as a matter of urgency for the Council to provide €150,000 for a facilitating main from Ards to alleviate the lack of sufficient water to his whole area.”

Clr. McGarvey, in introducing the following motion advised that a sum in the region of €150,000 to €200,000 would provide a facilitating main in the Ramelton area. The urgency of the situation needed to be highlighted he informed members, as consumers in the area were being subjected to extreme hardship.

Members of the Milford Electoral Area advised that insufficient water was being piped into Ramelton. They called on the Water, Environment and Emergency Services Section to take the matter in hand and address the problem by:-

- Renewing the pipe network
- Implementing water conservation measures

- Developing a new reservoir/holding tank

Clr. Brogan welcomed the valuable input from Mr. Gerry Keeney, Executive Engineer, who had attended a recent community meeting in the Ramelton area. His accurate assessment of the situation had help to allay many fears he added.

Clr. Kennedy stated that he had been reliably informed that additional monies were available for small schemes but that these had not been drawn down by Donegal County Council in 2004.

Mr. Jim Holohan, Director Water, Environment & Emergency Services advised that he was aware of the ongoing problems in the Ramelton area. Some repairs, he stated, had been carried out in the last few weeks with a notable improvement in the situation being recorded over the Easter holiday period.

Acknowledging the severity of the situation, Mr. Holohan noted that the Letterkenny and Milford systems which supplied the Ramelton area were operating under extreme pressure due to record levels of development in the area. Mr. Peadar MacRory, Senior Engineer, would, he advised, investigate the financial options available and look at a range of short term solutions. It was impossible at this juncture, he confirmed to ascertain the level of expenditure required. Options would, Mr. Holohan advised have to be prioritised on this basis and discussion would be required at Electoral Area level before the matter was presented to the full Council for approval.

Members were informed that the forthcoming augmentation to the Letterkenny water supply would help alleviate the situation in Ramelton.

The County Manager advised that he would come back to members when Mr. MacRory's report had been finalised.

This concluded the business of the meeting.