

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Áras na Chontae
Leifear

11 Méan Fómhair 2007

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall a bhí ar athró ó 30 Iúil ag dul ar aghaidh
Dé Luain 17 Méan Fómhair 2007 ag **2.00 ag Arás an Chontae, Leifear**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A Chara

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

Beidh Clár Ordaithe an Bhainisteora Contae le feiceal ag an gcruinniú.

Mise, le meas

A. MacSuibhne

Riarthóir Cruinniú (RUNAI CHONTAE)

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford

11th September 2007

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Meeting of Donegal County Council, adjourned from 30th July 2007, will be held on Monday 17th
September 2007 at 2.00pm, 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 viewing at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

E. Sweeney

Meetings Administrator (County Secretary)

(PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ITEMS RETAIN THEIR ORIGINAL
ITEM NUMBERS SO AS TO CORRESPOND WITH REPORTS
ALREADY ISSUED FOR THE JULY MEETING)

AGENDA

MOTIONS

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

MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA

Planning & Economic Development

13. Clr. McGarvey
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Water, Environment & Emergency Services

14. Clr. McBride
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STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

15. Clr. A. Bonner
“That this Council fasttrack asap intermediate works to Castlefin Sewerage Plant to enable planning permissions to proceed, as all

planning permissions are freezed at present due to a recent refusal by Bord Pleanla."(L)

Roads & Transportation

16. Clr. Reid
"That this Council seek special funding to replace/repair bridges and repair roads in the Brockagh/Welchtown areas." (L)

GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA

Corporate Services

17. Clr. Alcorn
"That this County Council discuss the role of its Elected Members." (C)

INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA

Housing & Building

18. Clr. Donaghey
"That Donegal County Council together with Buncrana Town Council immediately appoint a dedicated person to progress work on Council land at Lisowen, Buncrana for the relevant interested community groups." (L)

Corporate Services

19. Clr. Conaghan
"That this Council adopt a policy of returning Councillors calls within one working day, acknowledge written correspondence within one week and give a comprehensive and up to date written reply within one month of receiving such representations." (C)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

20. Clr. McDonald

"That this Council introduce bye laws to prevent dogs from wandering and fouling on our beaches and walkways." (C)

Roads & Transportation

21. Clr. MacLochlainn
"That a consistent policy for the installation of traffic calming measures (ramps, speed bumps, traffic islands and pedestrian crossings) be immediately compiled and implemented across the county." (C)

LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

22. Clr. McDaid
"That this Council progresses as a matter of urgency the provision of further parking facilities in and around Lifford to assist the implementation of the proposed traffic management plan for the town." (L)
23. Clr. Larkin
"That this Council as a matter of urgency prioritise work on the roundabout/entrance of Pramerica given the massive employment benefit this company is giving to Donegal." (L)
24. Clr. Harte
"That speed ramps be installed at the top of Irish Street, Raphoe and also in the Diamond area." (L)

Corporate Services

25. Clr. Brogan
"I propose that this Council call on Eircom to either remove or repair phone boxes that are lying broken throughout Donegal that have now become an eyesore." (C)

DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA

Planning & Economic Development

26. Clr. McEniff
"That the Council delist house at Townparks, Main Street ,
Ballyshannon owned by Ms. Ann Marie Fox, Ref 40801502." (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

27. Clr. Pringle
"That Donegal County Council urgently replace the galvanised
sewer lids in St. Cummins Hill, Marine Drive and Harbour View
Drive, Killybegs because they are a grave danger to members of
the public." (L)

Community, Culture & Enterprise

28. Clr. O'Neill
"That this Council gives due recognition to the Abbey Arts Centre
in Ballyshannon by providing annual funding and the designation
title of Arts Centre for South Donegal."(L)

QUESTIONS

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

MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

29. Clr. McGarvey
"What money is being spent at Ballymaleel (Silver Tassie Road) on
road works?" (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

30. Clr. McGarvey
"When will Donegal County Council finalise an agreement to
extend the reservoir at Milford?" (L)

Planning & Economic Development

31. Clr. McBride
"What is the planned start date for the Environmental Improvement Works in Milford?" (L)

STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA

Housing & Building

32. Clr. A. Bonner
"What progress has been made with the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Swimming Pool since it got approval in the Department two months ago?" (L)

Planning & Economic Development

33. Clr. A. Bonner
"When will the variation of the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Local Area Plan including the Masterplan for Drumboe be published as a lot of land frozen at present waiting on the variation which was due months ago?" (L)

Roads & Transportation

34. Clr. Reid
"When do the Council intend to meet with Dorita McGee, Killygordon regarding Junction and why the long delay?" (L)

GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

35. Clr. Alcorn

"What was the total cost of preparing the report on the proposed bridge from Gweedore to Carrickfinn and from what source did funding come?" (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

36. Clr. Alcorn
"When is it proposed to commence work on the new Civic Amenity Site at Dungloe and what is the projected completion date?" (L)

INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA

Housing & Building

37. Clr. Donaghey
"What progress has been made with the tendering process for a design team to progress work at Buncrana Leisure Centre. Tenders had to be submitted by October 31st 2006?" (L)
38. Clr. Conaghan
"What is the position regarding the proposed Council houses for Newtowncunningham and when is construction likely to start?" (L)

Planning & Economic Development

39. Clr. Donaghey
"Arising from a recent decision to refuse planning permission for a single house close to the Fullerton Pollan Dam, one of the grounds for refusal being the inadequate public water supply in the area, could the Council explain the rationale for such a decision and what plans it has to address the problem?" (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

40. Clr. Conaghan
"What was the problem with the water supply in Killea and Carrigans recently and is the situation resolved?" (L)

41. Clr. MacLochlainn
"To ask Donegal County Council why they have failed to take any action in relation to raw sewerage in Glen village following a report from Maeve Costello (EHO) in 2000/2001 that clearly condemned this sewerage system?" (Milford Electoral Area)

Roads & Transportation

42. Clr. McDonald
"To ask this Council the plans, if any, to surface the village of Quigley's Point?" (L)
43. Clr. McDonald
"To ask this Council the plans, if any, to erect ramps at the Village of Glenelly and also at the National School?" (L)
44. Clr. MacLochlainn
"To ask Donegal County Council what action they intend to take on the stretch of road between The Red House and Jack Green's following estimates received from Eircom for the relocation of Eircom poles. A number of these poles have been heavily hit and damaged in recent times and are therefore, a potential danger to road users?" (L)

LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA

Housing & Building

45. Clr. McDaid
"Is this Council retaining adequate space for the future development of parking facilities at the County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny for both staff and the general public due to the proposed sale of the adjacent "Old" Fire Station?" (L)
46. Clr. McDaid
"In light of the recently highlighted flooding in housing estates in Letterkenny, when can this Council expect to be furnished with the report promised by the Director of Housing & Building Services in

response to my motion at the Council Meeting of November, 2006?" (L)

Roads & Transportation

47. Clr. Crawford
"What discussions, if any, have taken place between the Roads Section and Planning in relation to drainage - road restoration at The Sands, Ballindrait?" (L)
48. Clr. Larkin
"Why has the Council work plans for the junction at Daly's/Gary's Pet World, not taken place yet and will local business in the area be consulted with plans?" (L)
49. Clr. Brogan
"What is the current position with the proposed median barrier from Dry Arch to Port Bridge roundabout as it has been funded for the last few years.?" (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

50. Clr. Crawford
"What progress has been made in dealing with the ongoing sewer problem at Coolatee, Lifford?" (L)
51. Clr. Larkin
"Has the contractor been appointed for the "new" Letterkenny Civic Amenity Site?" (L)
52. Clr. Brogan
"What is the current position with the Letterkenny D.B.O. treatment plant?" (L)

DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

53. Clr. Pringle
"What will be the running costs of the new privately operated sewerage treatment plant in Donegal Town?" (L)
54. Clr. Pringle
"When will Donegal County Council start to develop the Civic Amenity Site in the South West of the county as outlined in the Waste Management Plan?" (L)

Roads & Transportation

55. Clr. O'Neill
"Will Donegal County Council immediately proceed with the CPO process so as to start work on the much needed Donegal County Council Town Centre Car Park?" (L)

Planning & Economic Development

56. Clr. O'Neill
"Will Donegal County Council host a public dedication ceremony in renaming the new landmark bridge in Ballyshannon "Red Hugh O'Donnell Bridge" as proposed by Ballyshannon Town Council, on Wednesday 13th September 2007, on the eve of the 400th Anniversary of the Flight of the Earls?" (L)
57. Clr. Mc Eniff
"Could you please let me know when the Chairman of An Bord Pleanala is coming to meet the Members?" (O)

MOTIONS FROM OTHER COUNCILS

58. MONAGHAN TOWN COUNCIL
"That the Town Council call on The Minister for Justice, The Minister of State with Responsibility for Children and The Minister of State for European Affairs to come together to put in place a system that would alert the police, media and public within hours of a child going missing and that this system would be brought forward at European level."

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING OF DONEGAL
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2007 IN
THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD

C/392/07 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. J. Boyle, Mayor, D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, A. Bonner, E. Bonner, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, G. Crawford, Pdraig Doherty, R. Donaghay, J. Harte, D. Larkin, N. McBride, T. McDaid, M. McDonald, S. McEniff, I. McGarvey, D. McGonagle, P. McGowan, P. MacLochlainn, B. O'Neill, T. Pringle, J. J. Reid and T. Slowey.

C/393/07 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clrs. Conaghan, Kennedy and McGuinness, who were unable to attend the meeting.

C/394/07 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Liam Kelly, Assistant County Manager/Director Housing & Building, Mr. Sean Sheridan, Director Corporate Services, Mr. Francie Coyle, Director Planning & Economic Development, Mr. John McLaughlin, Director Roads & Transportation, Mr. Peadar MacRory, A/Director Water, Environment & Emergency Services, Mr. James Boyle, Senior Engineer, Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Ms. Ann Marie Crawford, Staff Officer.

C/395/07 PLANNING OBJECTIONS

The following motion submitted by Clr. McGarvey was formally moved by Clr. McGarvey and seconded by Clr. McDonald:-

“That anybody outside the jurisdiction and not on the Electoral Register cannot object to Donegal County Council or an Bord Pleanala.”

Clr. McGarvey advised that many members of the indigenous community were becoming increasingly frustrated at the large number of planning objections from individuals outside the jurisdiction of the Planning Authority.

Members noted that the system was fraught with areas of discrimination and that there was sufficient cause to amend the legislation. Clr. E. Bonner suggested that the wording of the motion be amended to request the Minister to review the legislation in relation to a clear and decisive deliberation on exactly who should be permitted to object.

It was agreed, in principle, that a review of the whole process was required.

Clr. McGarvey agreed to vary his motion and, on the proposal of Clr. McGarvey, seconded by Clr. Larkin, the motion, as varied, was adopted: -

“That the Council request the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government to review the legislation in relation to the objection process to planning applications and the operation of An Bord Pleanala in relation to consideration of objections and provide feedback to the Council.”

C/396/07

UNDERGROUND RAINWATER STORAGE

On the proposal of Clr. McBride, seconded by Clr. McGowan, the following motion was adopted:-

“That this Council encourage and support the use of underground rainwater storage which can in turn be filtered and pumped to storage tanks in the attic space for use in showers, dishwashers, washing machines and toilets.”

Members were informed that:-

“In some locations the use of properly designed and executed rainwater harvesting systems in new developments has been shown to significantly contribute to efficient and effective use of overall water resources and reduce significantly the consumption of potable water. Although quantity savings of up to 50% can be achieved the cost of savings are somewhat less when capital costs are taken into account. Although capital costs in new build developments may not be significant it is likely that retrospective re-fit to existing developments would be cost prohibitive. However, in specific areas where source capacity is limited or impossible or where treatment of the source water is

difficult, it may be cost efficient to employ rainwater harvesting and have a two-pipe system serving dwelling houses. One such location where such a system may be viable is Tory Island where the raw water is limited in quantity and difficult to treat.”

Clr. McBride welcomed the reply and called for more efficient use of clean drinking water. A number of members indicated that such a policy should be a requirement for all new builds in the county. It was noted that there would be some form of water metering by 2010 and that the viability of rain harvesting systems should be carefully evaluated. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Water, Environment & Emergency Services SPC for consideration.

C/397/07 CASTELFIN SEWERAGE PLANT

On the proposal of Clr. A. Bonner, seconded by Clr. McGowan, the following motion was adopted:-

“That this Council fast track asap intermediate works to Castlefin Sewerage Plant to enable planning permission to proceed as all planning permission are freezed at present due to a recent refusal by Bord Pleanala.”

Members were informed that: -

“Castelfin Sewerage Scheme is currently listed on the Department’s Water Services Investment Programme 2005-2007 as a scheme to advance through planning. This listing is for a major upgrade of the treatment works. Following a review of the draft brief for the scheme the Council have been advised that it is in order for the brief to be submitted formally to the Department. As soon as approval is received the process to appoint consultants for the preparation of a Preliminary Report can commence. Other minor works may be possible to effect improvements under the Small Schemes Programme, the Serviced Land Initiative Programme and/or a scheme to facilitate development.”

Clr. Bonner thanked the staff of the Water and Environment Section for their excellent efforts in progressing the project. Mr. Peadar MacRory advised that the project had now

progressed to design stage for a major scheme and that discussions had taken place with the developer concerned.

C/398/07 BRIDGES AND ROADS IN BROCKAGH/WELCHTOWN

On the proposal of Clr. Reid, seconded by Clr. A. Bonner, the following motion was adopted:-

“That this Council seek special funding to replace/repair bridges and repair roads in the Brockagh/Welchtown areas.”

Members were informed that the County Council will request special funding from the various funding agencies such as the DOEHLG, Clar and Roinn Na Gaeltachta to help with road/brige repairs necessary in the Brockagh/Welchtown areas. The County Council have also been in touch with the OPW and have requested assistance in the clean up of the river channel most affected in this case. Officials from the OPW are meeting with County Council personnel shortly to survey the damage done in this area.”

Clr. Reid noted that the Stranorlar Electoral Area had contributed towards the replacement and repair of such projects out of road maintenance monies. This, he affirmed, had placed considerable strain on finances and called for the provision of special funding to maintain these projects. Members outlined the need fro the carrying out of repairs to all bridges in the county and requested that the matter be referred to the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration. They also called for a meeting with Oireachtas members to further discuss funding issues. Mr. John McLaughlin affirmed that the matter could be discussed with the Oireachtas members at the next appropriate meeting. He noted that the Office of Public Works had agreed to carry out some works in the Brockagh/Welchtown area.

C/399/07 ROLE OF ELECTED MEMBERS/POLICY FOR DEALING WITH MEMBERS REPRESENTATIONS.

On the proposal of Clr. Alcorn, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, the following motion was adopted:-

“That this Council discuss the role of its elected members.”

Members were informed that:-

The statutory reserved functions of the elected members are set out in legislation, including the Local Government Act, 2001. Through the performance of these functions, the elected Council performs the key policy making role for the organisation.

In addition to these specific statutory functions, a key role for the democratically elected Council is the representation of local communities, highlighting their concerns and prioritising work programmes to respond to local needs. Members also have a key role to play in representing the Council on a range of national, regional and local bodies.”

It was agreed to consider the following motion in the name of Clr. Conaghan in conjunction with Clr. Alcorn's motion. In Clr. Conaghan's absence the motion was moved on his behalf by Clr. Alcorn and seconded by Clr. Donaghey, and adopted.

“That this Council adopt a policy of returning Councillor's calls within one working day, acknowledge written correspondence within one week and give a comprehensive and up to date written reply within one month of receiving such representations.”

Members were informed that:-

“A comprehensive protocol, covering all aspects of the interactions between members and employees, is currently being prepared. A draft will be considered by the Corporate Policy Group at its September meeting, and the matter will come before the full Council in due course.”

A lengthy debate ensued with members raising concerns in relation to a number of issues including:-

- Lack of communication with the Executive
- Difficulty in obtaining written replies to members representations

- Telephone calls not being returned/difficulty in contacting mobile phone holders
- Difficulty in contacting some officials
- Inefficient follow up on members representations
- Lack of follow up to recommendations made at Electoral Area Meetings
- Need for greater co-ordination of meeting schedules
- Concern that Oireachtas members were receiving more favourable attention
- Need to overhaul the Council's Public Relations process.

It was generally agreed that the majority of Council officials carried out their duties in an efficient and professional manner and that those who did not respond effectively to members representations were in a minority. Members acknowledged that the key to moving forward was the provision of an effective service which focused on the issues and members commented on the usefulness of the Electoral Area system but questioned the decision making capability of the Committees concerned.

A number of follow ups were requested, namely:-

- Circular to be sent to all staff informing them of the implications of these motions
- Liaison Officer to be located in each Electoral Area Office to deal with and monitor members representations
- Introduction of a text messaging service for members
- Switch/reception – members to be informed to whom their call was being transferred
- Telephone directory to be provided outlining contact details for staff in the various directorates
- Provision of in house training so as to ensure all staff were familiar with the working and procedures of Donegal County Council
- Need to overhaul the Council's Public Relations arrangements and enhance promotional aspect of Donegal County Council activities.

Mr. Sean Sheridan advised that all contacts with members should be dealt with to the highest standard and that it was unfortunate that a small minority of staff were not conforming. Noting that there were specific issues in particular areas, he agreed to make contact with the members concerned on a one to one basis. Feedback, he suggested, indicated that customer services across the county were being provided to the highest standard. The onus was on the members to inform the Executive if there were particular difficulties. He noted, however, that in a number of instances staff felt that they were being put under inordinate pressure to comply with wide ranging representations.

It was agreed that a follow up report on the matter be presented within three months.

C/400/07

LANDS AT LISOWEN, BUNCRANA

On the proposal of Clr. Donaghey, seconded by Clr. MacLochlainn, the following motion was adopted:-

“That Donegal County Council together with Buncrana Town Council immediately appoint a dedicated person to progress work on Council land at Lisowen, Buncrana for the relevant interested community groups.”

Members were informed that:-

“I refer to previous replies to member’s questions on this topic. In October 2005, a meeting took place between the Housing Section and the representatives of various community groups in Buncrana regarding potential disposals of portions of these lands. The only detailed response to date has been received from the Integrated Childcare Project and approval, in principle, has been given to this group for the disposal of up to an acre and a half of these lands subject to a number of conditions. In the interim, Buncrana Town Council and the Roads Department of the Council have expressed an interest in developing sections of this landbank and indeed in light of the recent change in the demographics of applicants on the Council’s Housing list a portion of these lands may now be used for social housing purposes. With these elements in mind, the Housing Department proposed to prepare a preliminary land use plan for the landbank, to

ascertain the optimum usage of this valuable asset. When this plan is available it will be presented to the members of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee for their information. The question as to whether or not a dedicated person is required to progress the implementation of the plan can be discussed at that time.

It was noted that a number of groups had expressed an interest in this development and that all concerned were prepared to pay for the land in question. Thus, it was agreed that the Forward Planning Unit should progress this matter in conjunction with the Housing Directorate.

C/401/07 BYE-LAWS REGARDING DOG FOULING ON BEACHES

On the proposal of Clr. McDonald, seconded by Clr. Slowey, the following motion was adopted:-

“That this Council introduce bye-laws to prevent dogs from wandering and fouling on our beaches and walkways.”

Members were informed that:-

“The completion of the Rossnowlagh Pilot Beach Management Project highlighted the significant legal and insurance liability issues regarding the function of the Council on the foreshore. A cross service committee of Divisional Managers has been convened to consider the introduction of regulatory bye-laws on a county-wide basis. Introduction of bye-laws will involve extensive public consultation in advance of final drafting and there is likely to be significant financial and human resource implications. Such resources will be considered during the Budget 2008 process.”

It was generally agreed that the matter was the responsibility of the dog owners concerned. Members requested that the Water, Environment & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee make a specific case to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for funding in respect of a dedicated holding centre for stray dogs and that

this could be done in conjunction with a submission from Donegal Pet Rescue.

C/402/07 POLICY FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES.

On the proposal of Clr. MacLochlainn, seconded by Clr. McDonald, the following motion was adopted:-

“That a consistent policy for the installation of traffic calming measures (ramps, speed bumps, traffic islands and pedestrian crossings) be immediately compiled and implemented across the county.”

Members were informed that:-

“Donegal County Council does not have a uniform policy on the installation of traffic calming measures but deals with each location as it arises. Any such requests are referred to the Council Road Safety Engineer for consideration in the context of best practice in accordance with Department guidelines.

Although this item has been discussed previously a number of times at the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee a final policy document has not been adopted. It is proposed that this item again be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.”

Members outlined a number of inconsistencies in the installation of traffic calming measures across the county. Clr. McDaid highlighted the fact that the process for installing speed ramps adjacent to housing estates was cumbersome and outdated and seemed to simply move the problem from one area to another. It was agreed that other issues such as public lighting and the replacement of bulbs should also be examined.

Mr. John McLaughlin agreed to evaluate the formulation of such a policy and have the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee examine the various issues.

C/403/07 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR LIFFORD

On the proposal of Clr. McDaid, seconded by Clr. Crawford:-

“That this Council progresses as a matter of urgency the provision of further parking facilities in and around Lifford to assist the implementation of the proposed traffic management plan for the town.”

Members were informed that:-

“Car parking surveys of Lifford have taken place recently to quantify the car parking need and to identify the most appropriate locations to address the need. The issue of providing car parking for the town needs to be prioritised on a county wide basis. Some work on the county wide parking study has begun and indeed some car parks have already been built in towns.”

Clr. McDaid stated that there was a major traffic problem in Lifford and that this had been the case for a considerable period of time. There had, he advised, been general support for a one way traffic system but that the only way such a policy would work was with the provision of increased car parking facilities. He affirmed that parking was not readily available and that there were numerous complaints in relation to on street parking.

Clr. Crawford noted that the volume of traffic in the town had increased considerably, and it was essential that parking issues were dealt with in conjunction with the new Lifford Local Area Plan.

Mr. John McLaughlin agreed to bring the matter back to the Letterkenny Electoral Area Committee for further deliberation.

C/404/07 ENTRANCE TO PRAMERICA

On the proposal of Clr. Larkin, seconded by Clr. MacLochlainn, the following motion was adopted:-

“That this Council, as a matter of urgency, prioritise work on the roundabout/entrance of Pramerica given the massive employment benefit this company is giving to Donegal.”

Members were informed that:-

“The proposed relief road from Pramerica roundabout to Glencar has been included in the Letterkenny & Environs Development Plan and the design has gone through the Part 8 planning process and been adopted by Council. The Relief Road alignment does not make direct contact with the side of the Pramerica site therefore additional lands would need to be acquired in order to construct a side entrance to the Pramerica site. No funding has been identified at this stage to acquire the lands or construct the road (s).

However, the main landowner’s agents have submitted a planning application to begin the development on the land and therefore construct part of the proposed relief road. A meeting was held with the IDA, Planning and Economic Development Officials and Roads Officials to discuss how the Pramerica site could be provided access through cooperation between Pramerica site owners and the adjoining landowner working with IDA and the Council. It is understood that the IDA are taking the lead in meeting the Pramerica site owners with a view to developing a solution to this access issue.”

Clr. Larkin advised that this matter affected the entire county given the employment potential of the company in question. There was, he advised, goodwill from all the landowners concerned, and, he noted that the IDA had invested heavily in the Letterkenny Business Park Road. Prioritisation of this work would, he affirmed, result in countywide investment.

C/405/07

SPEED RAMPS-IRISH STREET, RAPHOE

The following motion submitted by Clr. Harte, was proposed on this behalf by Clr. Slowey, seconded by Clr. McDaid and adopted:-

“That speed ramps be installed at the top of Irish Street, Raphoe and also in the Diamond area.”

Members were informed that:-

“Donegal County Council does not have a uniform policy on the installation of traffic calming measures but deals with each location as it arises. Any such requests are referred to the Council Road Safety Engineer for consideration in the

context of best practice in accordance with Department guidelines.

This will be considered by the Electoral Area Committee and will be referred to the Road Safety Engineer in the first instance.”

C/406/07 REPAIR OF BROKEN PHONE BOXES

The following motion submitted by Clr. Brogan was proposed on his behalf by Clr. Alcorn, seconded by Clr. MacLochlainn and adopted:-

“I propose that this Council call on Eircom to either remove or repair phone boxes that are lying broken throughout Donegal that have now become an eyesore.”

C/407/07 DELISTING HOUSE AT TOWNPARKS, MAIN STREET, BALLYSHANNON.

The following motion submitted by Clr. McEniff, was proposed on his behalf by Clr. Byrne, seconded by Clr. O’Neill and adopted:-

“That the Council delist house at Townparks, Main Street, Ballyshannon owned by Ms. Ann Marie Fox, Ref 40801502.”

Members were informed that:-

“RPS reference number 40801502 is an end of terrace house in Ballyshannon. It is described as a five bay three storey over basement Georgian house c. 1780 with Gibbsian door case with ground floor partly remodelled as a shop. It is recorded as of regional status due to its special architectural group and streetscape/setting interests.

Correspondence has been received on 16th July 2007 from the owner of the building together with further correspondence from a number of elected representatives to request the removal of the building from the RPS. In response, it is proposed to carry out an assessment of the building within the context of the preparation of the Ballyshannon & Environs Local Area Plan so as to provide members with a comprehensive recommendation on the appropriate way forward including clear reasons. Therein,

any subsequent procedures to remove the building from the RPS would be carried out within the Local Area Plan process.”

C/408/07 REPLACEMENT OF GALVANISED SEWER LIDS

On the proposal of Clr. Pringle, seconded by Clr. Byrne, the following motion was adopted:-

“That Donegal County Council urgently replace the galvanised sewer lids in St. Cummins Hill, Marine Drive and Harbour View Drive, Killybegs because they are a grave danger to members of the public.”

Members were informed that:-

“It is understood that the listed housing estates were formerly Council housing estates constructed under Council housing programmes at a time when standards which would have ensured durability and longevity were not in place under building regulations or planning conditions. There are similar estates all over the county. As such, the water services infrastructure including water services manhole covers has not been taken over by the Council’s Water Services Operations section and the estates are still generally under the control of the Housing Section. As far as public safety is concerned the Housing, Water Services and Roads Sections co-operate and respond to urgent public Health & Safety matters that arise from time to time within their allocated budgets. Although there is a funded takeover programme for private housing estates there is no similar capital programme for public housing estates so a funding source will have to be identified before any large scale improvements can take place in these or other similar estates around the county.

Mr. Peadar MacRory advised that he would ask the Area Engineer concerned to compile and issue a report on the matter concerned.

C/409/07 ABBEY ARTS CENTRE IN BALLYSHANNON

On the proposal of Clr. O’Neill, seconded by Clr. McGowan, the following motion was adopted:-

“That this Council gives due recognition to the Abbey Arts Centre in Ballyshannon by providing annual funding and the designation title of Arts Centre for South Donegal.”

Members were informed that:-

“With the aid of funding provided by Donegal County Council (DCC), Ballyshannon Town Council (BSTC) purchased The Abbey Cinema in 1989 for €15,000 and subsequently leased it in 1991 (for an initial period of 15 years) to The Abbey Centre Trust whose Board of Directors comprised representatives of BSTC, DCC and a range of local cultural and community groups. In return, the Trust agreed to redevelop and operate the Abbey on behalf of BSTC and DCC as a cinema and performance space for the community.

1st Phase Redevelopment 1992

The redevelopment of The Abbey Centre cost in the region of €365,000 and was funded through a combination of grants, local fundraising and repayable loans, from and by, the International Fund for Ireland, Donegal County Council, Ballyshannon Town Commissioners and the Abbey Centre Trust which, by this point, had been incorporated as a limited company with charitable status.

The newly refurbished Abbey Centre opened to the public in 1992.

2nd Phase Redevelopment 2005

This recently completed programme was part-funded by Interreg and DCC (through Task Force Peace II). It has enabled the Trust to add two new smaller scale auditoria to the facility as well to substantially redesign the foyer/box office, the theatre entrance and exterior approach area. Today, the Abbey Centre operates both as a cinema and a performance space presenting a programme of commercial and art-house film – it is a member of the national Access Cinema network alongside Letterkenny Arts Centre/Regional Cultural Centre, The Glens Centre (Manorhamilton), The Model Arts Centre (Sligo) etc. – locally generated theatre, music, variety, community and

youth performance, music education as well as visiting performance groups.

It is also home to the long running Ballyshannon Drama Festival and hosts high profile events for the locally generated Ballyshannon Folk and Traditional Music Festival and The Rory Gallagher Tribute Festival, both of which attract huge national and international audiences to the town. The Abbey Centre and The DCC's Strategic Partnership Revenue (SPR) Programme. The Strategic Partnership Revenue Programme was initiated on a pilot basis with a budget of €25,000 in 2004 to help strengthen a core network of strategically important local independent arts organizations so as to secure the basis of a vibrant and stable arts sector in the county.

In the first year of the Programme, The Abbey Centre was approved funding of €5000 towards ongoing costs. Today the total annual SPR Programme Budget stands at €60,000 of which €15,000 has been allocated to The Abbey Centre.

In addition, The Abbey Centre has been invited to make an application for assistance in the region of €25,000 from the Community Development Fund (Donegal EA) in 2007, having already received a similar level of funding from the Community Development Fund in 2006.

Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism ACCESS Scheme 2007

The Council's Arts Office provided advice and assistance to The Abbey Centre management in its recently successful application to the DAST's Access Scheme wherein the Centre has offered €100,000 towards further capital refurbishments which will result in the creation of a facility that is better equipped to facilitate and deliver existing and new development initiatives in a number of art forms- specifically, film making and digital media, music and theatre performance, dance and the visual arts.

Present Situation

At present the adopted strategy with regard to the Abbey Centre is that Donegal County Council continue to engage with it in the context of the Strategic Partnership Fund. The amount allocated each year will depend on the amount agreed by the members for the whole fund in the context of

the agreed Council Budget. Any future contributions from the County Council Community Development Fund will be at the discretion of the local elected members. In addition to present and future financial contributions Community, Culture & Enterprise staff will continue to provide any advice and supports as necessary and appropriate.

Clr. O'Neill advised that with appropriate investment and designation as Arts Centre for South West Donegal, the Abbey Arts Centre would generate more focused activity for the people of South Donegal.

Clr. McGowan noted that he had in the past submitted a similar type proposal for the Balor Theatre. He asked that an update be provided on the progress of his motion.

C/410/07 BALLYMALEEL ROAD WORKS

The following question was submitted by Clr. McGarvey:-

“What money is being spent at Ballymaleel (Silver Tassie Road) on road works?”

Clr. McGarvey was informed that:-

“The money being spent at Ballymaleel is EU Co-Financed money. A retaining wall of Gabion Baskets is currently being constructed after which earthworks and road construction will commence.”

C/411/07 RESERVOIR AT MILFORD

The following question was submitted by Clr. McGarvey:-

“When will Donegal County Council finalise and agree to extend the reservoir at Milford?”

Clr. McGarvey was informed that:-

“The tender documents which include the provision of a reservoir at Milford are almost complete and it is expected that tenders will be invited in August 2007. Required land agreements are also in place.”

C/412/07 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN MILFORD

The following question was submitted by Clr. McBride:-

“What is the planned start date for the Environmental Improvement Works in Milford?”

Clr. McBride was informed that:-

“Detailed negotiations are ongoing with the landowners in connection with acquisition of land for carparking in the town. Further meetings are envisaged with the landowners to discuss the planning aspects for the proposals and to consider any concerns they may have. As soon as the negotiations are successfully completed the members will be briefed on the up to date position and timescale for the project will then be discussed.”

C/413/07 BALLYBOFEY/STRANORLAR SWIMMING POOL

The following question was submitted by Clr. A. Bonner:-

“What progress has been made with the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Swimming Pool since it got approval in the Department 2 months ago.”?

Clr. A. Bonner was informed that:-

“Three steps had been taken:-

1. information had been sought from our legal advisors on the Special Purpose Vehicle business model used to advance the Letterkenny Leisure Project. This had recently been received and is being reviewed.
2. land searches have been conducted to support the CPO of key lands in the vicinity of the project.
3. land valuations have been sought for key lands in the vicinity of the project.

A progress meeting will be arranged with the Stranorlar Electoral Area Members in September 2007.”

C/414/07 VARIATION OF THE BALLYBOFEY/STRANORLAR LOCAL AREA PLAN

The following question was submitted by Clr. A. Bonner:-

“When will the variation of the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Local Area Plan including the Masterplan for Drumboe be published as a lot of land frozen at present waiting on the variation which due months ago?”

Clr. A. Bonner was informed that:-

“The amendment to the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Local Area Plan 2005-2011 shall be progressed during the second half of 2007.”

C/415/07 MEETING WITH DORITA MCGEE REGARDING JUNCTION

The following question was submitted by Clr. Reid:-

“When do the Council intend to meet with Dorita McGee, Killygordon regarding Junction and why the long delay?”

Clr. Reid was informed that:-

“The Council staff had been examining an option of traffic lights at this junction in conjunction with the NRA Road Safety Engineer. In addition, it was expected that the new N15 Lifford to Stranorlar Realignment Project would reduce traffic at this junction significantly even though that project is some years away and consideration was being given to advancing the link road to the N15. it was intended to meet the homeowner after it was clear how the Council would be proceeding and so the situation would not be confused. However, at the Council May Meeting, the elected Council adopted a motion to “purchase and demolish dwelling house at dangerous junction in Killygordon”.

It was advised that a decision of the Council to purchase and demolish this house would most likely set a precedent and would require specific funding to be identified.

The adopted motion cannot be implemented until money for its purpose is provided and the wider implications of it are dealt with. In the meantime, staff are in the difficult position of not knowing which solution will now be the one to be implemented and as such this makes it difficult to have a clear meeting with the landowner.”

C/416/07 PROPOSED BRIDGE FROM GWEEDORE TO CARRICKFIN

The following question was submitted by Clr. Alcorn:-

“What is the total cost of preparing the report on the proposed bridge from Gweedore to Carrickfin and from what source did funding come?”

Clr. Alcorn was informed that:-

“The recently completed Donegal Airport – Access Road Review & Gweedore Bay Road Link Feasibility Study was carried out in its entirety by Donegal County Council Road Design Office.

All costs associated with the study and the preparation of the report were covered within the Road Design’s Forward Planning Team annual funding (job code reference: Relief Roads).

All work on the preparation of the report involved desktop studies save for site visits and meetings with various stakeholders. The cost of this work was approximately €4,500.”

C/417/07 CIVIC AMENITY SITE AT DUNGLOE

The following question was submitted by Clr. Alcorn:-

“When is it proposed to commence work on the new civic amenity site at Dungloe and what is the projected completion date?”

Clr. Alcorn was informed that:-

“Tenders for Dungloe Civic Amenity Site have been received and the tender recommendation is expected to be with the Council within the next two weeks. Assuming Udaras permit the Council to access the site promptly work could commence in August 2007 with completion early in 2008.”

C/418/07 BUNCRANA LEISURE CENTRE

The following question was submitted by Clr. Donaghey:-

“What progress has been made with the tendering process for a design team to progress work at Buncrana Leisure Centre. Tenders had been submitted by October 31st 2006?”

Clr. Donaghey was informed that: -

“These submissions need to be assessed, ranked and shortlisted before a design team appointment can be made. This has not yet been done due to staff resource issues which we expect to improve later in the year.”

C/419/07

COUNCIL HOUSES FOR NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM

The following question was submitted by Clr. Conaghan:-

“What is the position regarding the proposed Council houses for Newtowncunningham and when is construction likely to start?”

Clr. Conaghan was informed that:-

“The Housing Section proposes to provide 20 social housing units on lands acquired to the rear of Castle Park, Newtowncunningham. In this regard a Part 8 Planning procedure was advertised in March 2007 with a view to presenting a report for adoption by the members at the May meeting of the Council. However, difficulties arose during the process regarding the policy in the County Development Plan on Urban Generated Rural Housing and in particular to policy ref UB1 (Urban Housing Co-Ordination of infrastructure) where it was indicated that no approval would be forthcoming for multiple housing developments in Newtown pending an increase in capacity of the sewerage treatment plant among other issues. Discussions on these matters have since taken place with the relevant services and the members about this policy. It is now proposed that Planning will issue a report on the proposed developments for the September meeting which may contain a development contribution towards the improvement of the sewerage treatment plant and approval for such contribution will have to be obtained from the DOEHLG prior to the scheme proceeding. Should Part 8 approval be obtained at the September meeting the detailed contract documents will be prepared for tender in October/November. Although the

development was planned to start in 2007, it is now probable that the start date will be March/April 2008 due to the reasons outlined above.

C/420/07 REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION CLOSE TO FULLERTON DAM

The following question was submitted by Clr. Donaghey:-

“Arising from a recent decision to refuse planning permission for a single house close to the Fullerton Pollan Dam, one of the grounds for refusal being the inadequate public water supply in the area, could the Council explain the rationale for such a decision and what plans it has to address the problem?”

Clr. Donaghey was informed that:-

“The water services infrastructure which would have supplied the proposed dwelling house is limited in size and capacity such that the water supply to other existing water consumers would be affected if the proposed development proceeded. In order to address the problem remedial works will have to be identified, prioritised on a programme, and funded before such development could proceed.”

C/421/07 WATER SUPPLY IN KILEA AND CARRIGANS

The following question was submitted by Clr. Conaghan:-

“What was the problem with the water supply in Kilea and Carrigans recently and is the situation resolved.?”

Clr. Conaghan was informed that:-

“It is understood that the recent water supply problems were confined to a small part of Kilea where a small portion of the Council’s network is still supplied from the Water Service in Northern Ireland. It is understood that the problems arose as a result of 2 separate bursts on the Northern side of the border. It is intended that in time the cross border supply will be eliminated entirely.”

C/422/07 RAW SEWERAGE IN GLEN VILLAGE

The following question was submitted by Clr. MacLochlainn:-

“To ask Donegal County Council why they have failed to take any action in relation to raw sewerage in Glen Village following a report from Maeve Costello (EHO) in 2000/2001 that clearly condemned this sewerage scheme.?”

Clr. MacLochlainn was informed that:-

“There is currently no public sewerage system operated by Water Services operations in Glen Village. It is understood however that there is a limited network and limited treatment for a small housing scheme that was previously a Council Housing Scheme. It is believed that discharges from remaining properties are untreated. Glen Village Sewerage Scheme is currently not on any sewerage scheme implementation programme but is listed as the seventh priority on the Assessment of Needs 2006 where it is bundled with other schemes. It is unclear when this bundle will be included on the Water Services Investment Programme or what other alternatives there may be for remedial measures.”

C/423/07 SURFACING OF VILLAGE OF QUIGLEY’S POINT

The following question was submitted by Clr. McDonald:-

“To ask this Council the plans, if any, to surface the village of Quigley’s Point?”

Clr. McDonald was informed that:-

“The village of Quigley’s Point is currently scheduled for surfacing in 2008.”

C/424/07 RAMPS AT VILLAGE OF GLENELLY

The following question was submitted by Clr. McDonald:-

“To ask this Council the plans, if any, to erect ramps at the Village of Glenelly and also at the National School?”

Clr. McDonald was informed that:-

“There are no plans at present to erect ramps or signs in the Village of Gleneely.”

C/425/07 RELOCATION OF EIRCOM POLES

The following question was submitted by Clr. MacLochlainn:-

“To ask Donegal County Council what action they intend to take on the stretch of road between the Red House and Jack Green’s following estimates received from Eircom for the relocation of the Eircom poles. A number of these poles have been heavily hit and damaged in recent times and are therefore a potential danger to road users?”

Clr. MacLochlainn was informed that:-

“To enhance vision lines at this location the roads service are currently conducting the following works which are now circa 50% complete:-

- tree, shrub and growth removal on the inside of bend embankments
- stripping of soil to minimise re-growth

Feedback from the public has been very positive about the current works.

In addition, a suite of signage is being designed and will be erected over the next number of weeks.

Various meetings have taken place with Eircom regarding the roadside poles. A satisfactory solution has not been found although further options are being considered. When further progressed the members will be briefed on the viable options.

C/426/07 PARKING FACILITIES AT THE COUNTY MUSEUM

The following question was submitted by Clr. McDaid:-

“Is this Council retaining adequate space for the future development of parking facilities at the County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny for both staff and the general public due to the proposed sale of the adjacent “Old” Fire Station?”

Clr. McDaid was informed that:-

“In the event that the Council disposes of the Old Fire Station, it is planned to keep control over the existing car parking facilities at the Fire Station and Museum. Discussions are also ongoing with the Museum Curator for the purpose of providing additional parking spaces to the rear of the Museum. This latter option is dependent on funding being available.”

C/427/07

FLOODING IN HOUSING ESTATES IN LETTERKENNY

The following question was submitted by Clr. McDaid:-

“In light of the recently highlighted flooding in housing estates in Letterkenny, when can this Council expect to be furnished with the report promised by the Director of Housing & Building Services in response to my motion at the Council Meeting of November, 2006.”

Clr. McDaid was informed that:-

“I refer to the previous motion on this matter and in the ensuing debate on the motion a number of housing schemes throughout the county as having flooding problems were identified by the members. The Area Housing Engineers were subsequently furnished with this list and asked to report on the issues raised. No serious issues of flooding have been reported in the meantime as requiring urgent attention, save one case recently in Raphoe where assistance was provided due to the recent case of flooding that affected the town generally. The information on the developments previously mentioned will be re-examined taking the history of complaints if any in the interim period and a report will be prepared in the autumn.

C/428/07

DRAINAGE AND ROAD RESTORATION AT THE SANDS, BALLINDRAIT

The following question was submitted by Clr. Crawford:-

“What discussions, if any, have taken place between the Roads Section and Planning in relation to drainage –road restoration at The Sands, Ballindrait?”

Clr. Crawford was informed that:-

“Discussions have taken place between the Roads Office and the Planning Office regarding the non-compliance with planning conditions in the area leading to surface water discharging onto the public road from recent developments.”

C/429/07

JUNCTION AT DALY’S/GARY’S PET WORLD

The following question was submitted by Clr. Larkin:-

“Why has the Council work plans for the junction at Daly’s/Gary’s Pet World, not taken place yet and will local businesses in the area be consulted with plans?”

Clr. Larkin was informed that:-

“A report which considered three design options for this junction and which included a recommended layout was prepared by the Road Design Office, and it is intended that the local businesses will be consulted before finalising the option to be implemented on the ground.”

C/430/07

MEDIAN BARRIER FROM DRY ARCH TO PORT BRIDGE ROUNDABOUT

The following question was submitted by Clr. Brogan:-

“What is the current position with the proposed median barrier from the Dry Arch to Port Bridge Roundabout as it has been funded for the last few years?”

Clr. Brogan was informed that:-

“Michael Punch and Partners have been requested to prepare detailed design and tender documentation for this project to include both construction of the median and the re-surfacing of the existing road pavement. Preliminary cost estimates have concluded that the current budget is not adequate. Additional funding for this scheme for 2007 is very unlikely. It is proposed to complete design and tender documents in 2007 for construction in early 2008 for both the median barrier and the roadway.”

C/431/07 SEWER PROBLEM AT COOLATEE, LIFFORD

The following question was submitted by Clr. Crawford:-

“What progress has been made in dealing with the ongoing sewer problem at Coolatee, Lifford?”

Clr. Crawford was informed that:-

“During a survey of the Coolatee sewerage system by Water Services a pipe blockage was identified which is thought to be one of the root causes of the problems experienced at Coolatee. Water Services have committed to effecting repair/replacement of the problem section of pipeline and the work has been put on the operation and maintenance work programme. The work is expected to commence shortly.”

C/432/07 LETTERKENNY CIVIC AMENITY SITE

The following question was submitted by Clr. Larkin:-

“Has the contractor been appointed for the “new” Letterkenny Civic Amenity Site?”

Clr. Larkin was informed that:-

“The tender recommendation report for Letterkenny Civic Amenity Site has been completed and the Manager’s Order is in place for the appointment of the contractor. Insurances and bonds are being checked and contract commencement should be possible shortly.”

C/433/07 LETTERKENNY TREATMENT PLANT

The following question was submitted by Clr. Brogan:-

“What is the current position with the Letterkenny D.B.O. Treatment Plant?”

Clr. Brogan was informed that:-

“The tender documents for Letterkenny Sewerage Scheme DBO are with the Department and approval is awaited. In recent days however the Department has indicated that the Council can commence the first stage of the tender process which is the prequalification of contractors.”

C/434/07 PRIVATELY OPERATED SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLAN IN DONEGAL TOWN

The following question was submitted by Clr. Pringle:-

“What will be the running costs of the new privately operated sewerage treatment plan in Donegal Town?”

Clr. Pringle was informed that: -

“The approximate running costs in the first year of operation of three wastewater treatment plants (Donegal Town, Rossnowlagh, Ballyshannon) including the sludge treatment centre for south west Donegal is of the order of €10m. Further detail on the operational cost of the individual plants will be provided in writing to the elected member.”

C/435/07 CIVIC AMENITY SITE IN THE SOUTH WEST OF THE COUNTY

The following question was submitted by Clr. Pringle:-

“When will Donegal County Council start to develop the Civic Amenity Site in the South West of the county as outlined in the Waste Management Plan?”

Clr. Pringle was informed that:-

“Funding is in place and grant aid has been approved for six civic amenity sites; Carndonagh, Stranorlar, Laghey, Milford, Dungloe and Letterkenny. However, no sources of funding or physical sites have yet been identified for Buncrana or South West Donegal, and identifying same will only commence when the six approved sites are well under construction.”

C/436/07 TOWN CENTRE CAR PARK

The following question was submitted by Clr. O’Neill:-

"Will Donegal County Council immediately proceed with the CPO process so as to start work on the much needed Donegal County Council Town Centre Car Park?"

Clr. O’Neill was informed that:-

“Based on the status of land negotiations for the Ballyshannon car park, the local area manager has confirmed that a recommendation will be made to acquire the necessary lands by way of Compulsary Purchase Order (CPO).”

C/437/07 RENAMING LANDMARK BRIDGE IN BALLYSHANNON

The following question was submitted by Clr. O’Neill:-

"Will Donegal County Council host a public dedication ceremony in renaming the new landmark bridge in Ballyshannon "Red Hugh O'Donnell Bridge" as proposed by Ballyshannon Town Council, on Wednesday 13th September 2007, on the eve of the 400th Anniversary of the Flight of the Earls?"

Clr. O’Neill was informed that:-

“The bridge was officially named on 13th september by Minister Mary Coughlan.”

C/438/07 MOTION FROM MONAGHAN COUNTY COUNCIL

The following motion received from Monaghan County Council was noted:-

“That the Town Council call on The Minister for Justice, The Minister of State with Responsibility for Children and The Minister of State for European Affairs to come together to put in place a system that would alert the police, media and public within hours of a child going missing and that this system would be brought forward at European level.”

This concluded the business of the meeting.

