

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Aras an Chontae
LEIFEAR

18 Meán Fómhair 2007

Beidh an Cruinniú Comhairle Chontae Dhun na nGall ag dul ar aghaidh Dé Luain, 24 Meán 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. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Beidh Clar Orduithe 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

18th September 2007

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 24th September, 2007 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. **Confirmation of Minutes**

(a) Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 30th July, 2007.

2. **Filling of Casual Vacancies in Membership of Council**

(a) Filling of Casual Vacancy occasioned by the disqualification from Local Authority Membership of Clr. Pearse Doherty, pursuant to Section 13, Local Government Act, 2001 as amended by the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 2003.

(b) Filling of Casual Vacancy occasioned by the disqualification from Local Authority Membership of Clr. Brian O'Domhnaill, pursuant to Section 13, Local Government Act, 2001 as amended by the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 2003.

(c) Filling of consequential vacancies arising from 2(a) above.

- Vocational Education Committee
- Planning and Economic Development S.P.C
- General Purposes Committee
- Glenties Electoral Area Committee
- Islands Committee
- Coiste na Gaeilge
- Donegal Heritage Forum
- Donegal Peace II Taskforce

(d) Filling of consequential vacancies arising from 2(b) above.

- Border Regional Authority
- Planning and Economic Development SPC
- General Purposes Committee
- Glenties Electoral Area Committee
- Islands Committee
- Coiste na Gaeilge
- Placenames Committee
- Fisheries & Coastal Protection Committee
- Agricultural Committee

- Earagail Arts Festival Management Company Ltd
(Directorship)

(e) To elect Chair of Planning and Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Clr. Brian O'Domhnaill.

(f) To fill vacancy on Community, Cultural and Corporate Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Clr. Enda Bonner.

(g) To fill vacancy on the Cultural Committee arising from the resignation of Mr. Manus Boyle.(Clr. J. Boyle's nominee)

3. Material Contravention of County Development Plan

(a) Consideration of planning application by Gráinne Gallagher for the erection of dwelling house, and septic tank at Carrigart, Co. Donegal. Planning Reference 07/50316.

(b) Consideration of planning application by Eamon & Brendan McGlynn for the construction of a single storey building consisting of 2 no. warehouse distribution units with septic tank and associated site works at Tullygay, Letterkenny. Planning Reference 07/40146.

(c) Consideration of Planning Application by Edward and Irene Doherty for erection of dwelling house, septic tank and percolation area at Birchill, Donegal Town. Planning Reference 07/20150.

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

(a) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to dispose of land at Falgarrow, Commeen, Cloghan, Lifford to Mr. Michael McGinley.

(b) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to dispose of land at Ballybogan, Clonleigh, Lifford to Mrs. Karen McGee.

(c) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to dispose of land at Station Road, Carndonagh to McLaughlin Brothers Ltd.

(d) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to dispose of land of 0.054 acres of land to Mr. David Love, Killylastin, 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 the Malin Sewerage Scheme.
- (b) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to the R250 – Sallaghgrane Phase 1.
- (c) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Proposed Road Project – Barrick Hill Access Road (Phase 2).
- (d) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Proposed Road Realignment – Foxhill to Churchill (Phase 4).
- (e) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Gleneely Housing Scheme (6 no. social housing units).
- (f) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Carrowmenagh Housing Scheme (4 no. housing units).
- (g) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Newtowncunningham Housing Scheme (20 no. Social Housing units).
- (h) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Elabeg Transient Site.
- (i) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Killybegs Water Treatment Works.
- (j) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Rannagh Pier.

6. **Corporate Programme**

- (a) To note the “2006 Service Indicators Report”.
- (b) To approve the implementation of the revised pay scales sanctioned by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.
- (c) Tuairisc ar Scéim Teanga Údaráis Áitrúla Dhún na nGall 2005/2008 – Update on Implementation of Donegal Local Authorities Language Scheme 2005/2008

7. **Planning and Economic Development Programme**

- (a) To consider Manager’s Report on submissions received regarding material alteration to the Draft Lifford Local Area Plan.
- (b) To consider Manager’s Report on submissions received regarding material alteration to the Draft Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan.

(c) To agree date for workshop on County Development Plan Review.

8. Roads & Transportation Programme

- (a) To consider and adopt the preferred route for the N56 Mountcharles to Killybegs.
- (b) To note date for “Road Safe Road Show.”

9. Community, Cultural & Enterprise

- (a) To consider the making of a submission on An Garda Siochana Policing Plan, Plan 2007.
- (b) London Olympics 2012 – Progress Report.

10. Conferences

(a) **Home**

- (i) IWEA Autumn Conference to be held at the Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell, Co.Cavan on 28th September 2007.
- (ii) National Conference for River Basin District Council Members to be held at The Conference Centre, Floors 16 and 17, County Hall, Cork on 27th – 28th September 2007.
- (iii) La Touche Legacy Autumn Seminar to be held at Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow on 28th – 30th September 2007.
- (iv) Active Citizenship Conference to be held at the Radisson SAS St. Helen’s Hotel, Stillorgan Road, Dublin 4 on 2nd – 3rd October 2007.
- (v) National Arts/Tourism Seminar to be held at Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 4th October 2007.
- (vi) National Conference on Substance and Alcohol misuse to be held at Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 4th – 5th October 2007.
- (vii) A.M.A.I 10th Annual Conference “The Challenge of Climate Change for the Island of Ireland” to be held at Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 19th October 2007.
- (viii) Finding a Balance Project – FAB to be held at the Radisson SAS Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on 26th September 2007.

11. *Mayor’s Business*

12. *County Manager’s Report*

MOTIONS

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

STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA

Community , Culture & Enterprise

13. Clr. Reid
"That the Council prepare and submit an application for CCTV for the Twin Towns and act as Data Controller." (L)

Finance

14. Clr. McGowan
"That each Director of Service present a full programme of planned expenditure including staffing numbers at each Electoral Area Committee Meeting between now and budget day to be presented both in a county wide and electoral area format."(O)

GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA

Corporate Services

15. Clr. Alcorn
"That this Council discuss Student Support Higher Education Grant for mature students (over 23 years) and the conditions are all outlined to the members."(O)
16. Clr. Slowey
"That this Council request (and facilitate) the nine members of the Houses of the Oireachtas to give an annual verbal report in person to a Special Meeting of this Local Authority."

Roads and Transportation

17. Clr. E Bonner
"If National Roads Office in Donegal Town has not sufficient staff to prepare design work on the N56 at Meenacarn Bends, the work should be given to outside consultants to enable design work and purchase of land at least be completed and paid out of €900,000 allocation by NRA in January 2007."(L)

INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA

Roads and Transportation

18. Clr. McDonald
"That this Council investigate the possibility of purchasing land for a carpark in Merville." (L)
19. Clr. Conaghan
"With national commitments now being made on construction of motorways between Dublin and Donegal/Derry, that this Council make a serious effort to attract the necessary funding for key link roads in the County e.g. Inishowen 100."(C)

Planning & Economic Development

20. Clr. McGuinness
"Because of the delay in the review of the County Development Plan, that this Council discuss the number of planning applications being refused because of "backland, haphazard and tandem development"under the 2006-2012 Plan."(C)

Corporate Services

21. Clr. MacLochlainn
"That this Council calls on Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney to immediately commence talks with her northern counterpart, Minister Michael McGimpsey to progress plans for a Satellite Radiotherapy Unit based in the North West to serve cancer patients on both sides of the border."(O)

LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation Programme

22. Clr. McDaid
"That this Council seeks to secure funding to ensure the retention and provision of adequate space for future development of parking facilities at the County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny for both staff and the general public in light of the proposed sale of the adjacent Old Fire Station." (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

23. Clr. Larkin
"That this Council explain why Letterkenny the largest town in Donegal still does not have a Civic Amenity Site given our reported recycling figures."(L)

Community, Cultural & Enterprise

24. Clr. Brogan
"To propose that Donegal County Council enter into discussion with Office of Public Works with regard to the Courthouse in Letterkenny with a view to providing library services"(L)

DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

25. Clr. Byrne
"That this Council include the village of Frosses in the small schemes programme for waste water treatment"(L)

Community, Cultural & Enterprise

26. Clr. O'Neill
"That this Council honours the memory of Rory Gallagher to mark the 60th Anniversary of his birth in Ballyshannon, Co Donegal on March 2nd 2008, with the erection of a statue in his honour."(L)

27. Clr. McEniff
"That this council support the proposed new service from Belfast to Heathrow." (O)

MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

28. Clr. McGarvey
"Will this Council ask the Department to discuss our future role in Waste Management for the future"(L)

QUESTIONS

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

STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

29. Clr. Reid
"Who authorised the transfer of €1 million NRA maintenance monies from the Stranorlar Electoral Area and where was it spent?" (L)
30. Clr. Reid
"Why has Director of Service (Roads) not met with Dorita McGee, Killygordon, regarding safety of her house as promised on several occasions?" (L)

Community, Cultural & Enterprise

31. Clr. McGowan
"Can a detailed report be given on all projects which received the 1% for art funding in the Stranorlar area since the scheme began including all income and expenditure?"(L)
32. Clr. McGowan
"What plans has this Council along with its partner agencies on the County Development Board to bring jobs and economic

regeneration back to Ballybofey, Stranorlar and the rest of the Finn Valley, and please give details along with progress report on unemployment figures and persons at work?"(L)

GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

33. Clr. Alcorn

"What plan have the County Council for providing extra car parking adjacent to Burtonport Pier i.e (near slipway that was damaged recently?" (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

34. Clr. Alcorn

"How many Tenders were received for the new Civic Amenity Site at Dungloe and what is the overall cost of the project and when will construction work be completed?" (L)

35. Clr. E Bonner

"What is the current status of the preparation of tender documents for the Glenties and Dungloe Sewerage Schemes which were approved by Minister Dick Roache in April, and notified to Donegal County Council on 4th May 2007?"(L)

36. Clr. Slowey

"What length of water piping has been actually put in place to date under the Major Pipework Refurbishment Programme announced some years ago and when will the water pipeline between Ardara and Glenties be upgraded?"(L)

Community, Cultural & Enterprise

37. Clr. Slowey

"When will the County Manager honour his promise to the people of Ardara by restoring a County Library to the town?"(L)

Planning & Economic Development

38. Clr. E Bonner

“What is the present status of review of the County Development Plan?”(C)

INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

39. Clr. McDonald

"How many people have been fined for littering offences in Inishowen and how many fines have been paid?" (L)

40. Clr. McDonald

"When will Inishowen have a full time Litter Warden?" (L)

41. Clr. McGuinness

"What efforts have the Council put in place to ensure that the blue flag at Culdaff beach be restored in 2008?"(L)

42. Clr. McLochlainn

"Has any Council Department accepted responsibility for the ongoing problems in Lower Mount Marion, Milford, relating to sewage flooding and water flooding that has occurred and if so what short term plan is in place to ensure that this does not happen in the coming months, and if they could outline the long term solution?"(Milford Electoral Area)

43. Clr. McLochlainn

"What is the timescale for delivering a Civic Amenity Site to Buncrana as agreed under the existing Donegal Waste Management Plan?"(L)

Roads and Transportation

44. Clr. McGuinness

"When will the car park at St Boden's Tce be resurfaced?"(L)

45. Clr. Conaghan
"What plans have this Council in place to re-surface the back lane and repair footpaths at Killea Cottages?"(L)

Planning & Economic Development

46. Clr. Conaghan
"Is the Planning Office now in a position to allow the village of Tooban grow in a sustainable way, and will current and future planning applications in the area be looked on constructively?"(L)

LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

47. Clr. McDaid
"Has this Council any plans to re-open the public toilets in Lifford?" (L)
48. Clr. Larkin
"Given the recent report showing the poor recycling figures in Donegal is the Manager thinking of reviewing HIS County Waste Management Plan?" (C)

Corporate Services

49. Clr. Larkin
"What plans have the Human Resources Department of the County Council to fulfil the commitment given at the opening of the Letterkenny Public Services Centre for Crèche Facilities for staff in said offices?" (L)

Community, Cultural & Enterprise

50. Clr. McDaid
"Will the Branch Library in Raphoe remain open during next year?"(L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

51. Clr. Brogan
"What is the current status on the sewerage treatment plant D.B.O. for Letterkenny?"(L)

Road & Transportation Programme

52. Clr. Brogan
"What is the current status of phase 3 of the N56 from the Mountain Top to Termon, and has the design been completed on the Bluebanks phase on this project?"(L)

DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA

Housing & Building

53. Clr. Byrne
"What is the delay in obtaining planning permission for the Glencolmcille Firestation?"(L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

54. Clr. Byrne
"Why are some townlands/areas left out of the South West Donegal Water Improvement Plan despite these areas having no adequate water supply"(L)
55. Clr. O'Neill
"Will Donegal County Council proceed with works to provide Sewerage Treatment at Carrickboy, Ballyshannon with the provision of a pumping system to serve the houses inside the town boundary that have been excluded from the new multi million euro town scheme?"(L)

Roads & Transportation Programme

56. Clr. O'Neill
"Will Donegal County Council and the NRA engage in a meeting to discuss the development of the N3 National Road at Cloghore, between Ballyshannon and Belleek?"(L)

MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

57. Clr. McGarvey
"When will the proposed watermain be laid to Portlean"(L)
58. Clr. McGarvey
"What is the present position of County Council on reservoir and dams at Cloughantree, Ramelton now or for the future?(L)

MOTIONS FROM OTHER COUNCILS

59. LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL
"That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Justice, Department of Justice and Department of Finance to make available all the resources necessary for equipment and training for drug testing of drivers and random drug testing of all road users. In view of the success of random breath testing it is essential to support the Gardai in extending the law to cover drugs. Please send this to other local authorities and to T.D.s and Senators in the BMW Region."

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD
IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD ON 24th SEPTEMBER, 2007**

C/439/07 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Clrs. J. Boyle, Mayor, D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, Alice Bonner, E. Bonner, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, R. Donaghey, M.T. Gallagher, J. Harte, J. Kennedy, D. Larkin, N. Mc Bride, T. McDaid, M. Mc Donald, I. McGarvey, B. Mc Guinness, P. O' Dochartaigh, T. Pringle, J.J Reid, T. Slowey

C/440/07 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Clrs Mc Eniff, Mc Gonagle, Mc Gowan, MacLochlainn and O' Neill who were unable to attend the meeting.

C/441/07 **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Michael McLoone, County Manager, Mr. L. Kelly, Assistant County Manager, Director of Housing, Mr. Francie Coyle, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Mr. Michael Heaney, Director of Community, Culture and Enterprise, Mr. Peadar Mac Rory, A/Director of Water, Environment and Emergency Services, Mr. John Mc Laughlin, Director Roads and Transportation, Mr. Sean Sheridan, Director Corporate Services, Mr. Brian Boyle, Head of information Services, Mr. Gerry Richards, Senior Planner, Mr. Simon Harron, Executive Planner, Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Mr. Sean o' Daimhin, Oifigeach Gaeilge, Ms. Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer, Corporate Services.

C/442/07 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 30th JULY,
2007**

On the proposal of Clr. Larkin, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, the Minutes of the Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 30th July 2007, were adopted.

C/443/07 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

On the proposal of Clr.Boyle, seconded by Clr. Byrne, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting until 2.45pm.

C/444/07 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL OCCASIONED BY THE DISQUALIFICATION FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP OF CLR. PEARSE DOHERTY

On the proposal of Clr. McDaid, seconded by Clr. Pringle, Ms. Marie Therese Gallagher was co-opted as a Member of Donegal County Council to fill the Casual Vacancy.. Clr. McDaid, in proposing the motion, stated that he believed that Ms Gallagher would make a significant contribution to both Donegal County Council and the Glenties Electoral Area.

Congratulations was extended by Clr. Conaghan on behalf of the Fianna Fáil grouping and by Clr. Slowey on behalf of Fine Gael other members concurred with these remarks.

Thanking all concerned, Ms Gallagher, advised that she was looking forward to working with all the members of Donegal County Council.

C/445/07 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL OCCASIONED BY THE DISQUALIFICATION FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP OF CLR. BRIAN O' DOMHNAILL

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, it was agreed to defer this item to the November Council Meeting.

C/446/07 FILLING OF CONSEQUENTIAL VACANCIES OCCASIONED BY THE DISQUALIFICATION FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP OF CLR. PEARSE DOHERTY

On the proposal of Clr. Pringle, seconded by Clr. M.T. Gallagher, it was resolved to elect Clr. Mc Daid to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee.

On the proposal of Clr. Pringle, seconded by Clr. McDaid, it was resolved to elect Clr. Marie Therese Gallagher to fill the remaining vacancies on the following Committees:

- Planning and Economic Development SPC
- General Purposes Committee

- Glenties Electoral Area Committee
- Islands Committee
- Coiste na Gaeilge
- Donegal Heritage Forum
- Donegal Peace 11 Taskforce.

- C/447/07 FILLING OF CONSEQUENTIAL VACANCIES , OCCASIONED BY THE DISQUALIFICATION FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP OF CLR. BRIAN O' DOMHNAILL
On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, it was agreed to defer this item to the November Council Meeting.
- C/448/07 TO ELECT CHAIR OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, it was agreed to defer this item to the November Council Meeting
- C/449/07 TO FILL VACANCY ON COMMUNITY, CORPORATE, AND CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE ARISING FROM THE RESIGNATION OF CLR. ENDA BONNER
On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, it was agreed to defer this item to the November Council Meeting
- C/450/07 TO FILL VACANCY ON THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE ARISING FROM THE RESIGNATION OF MR. MANUS BOYLE.
On the proposal of Clr. Slowey, seconded by Clr. Conaghan, Ms Vera Mc Cafferty, Loughmurt, Bruckless, was elected to replace Mr. Manus Boyle on the Cultural Committee.
- C/451/07 MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2006 - 2012, AS VARIED - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION BY GRAINNE GALLAGHER FOR PERMISSION FOR

ERECTION OF A DWELLING HOUSE AND PROVISION OF A SEPTIC TANK AT CARRIGART. REF 07/50316

Clr. Mc Bride advised that he wished to withdraw the above motion.

C/452/07

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2006 - 2012, AS VARIED – CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION BY EAMON AND BRENDAN MC GLYNN FOR PERMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE STOREY BUILDING CONSISTING OF 2 NO. WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION UNITS WITH SEPTIC TANK AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT TULLYGAY, LETTERKENNY REF 07/40146

The motion was duly proposed by Clr. Larkin, seconded by Clr. Brogan.

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: - D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, Alice Bonnar, Enda Bonner, J Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, R. Donaghey, M. T. Gallagher, J. Harte, J. Kennedy, D. Larkin, N. Mc Bride, T. McDaid, M. McDonald, I. McGarvey, B. McGuinness, T. Pringle, J.J. Reid, T. Slowey. (22)

Mr. Francie Coyle, Director of Service, Planning & Economic Development read into the record his own report and the report from Mr. Denis Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, dated 17th September, 2007.

Mr. Kelly's report stated that the proposal was significantly at variance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:

"1. It is an objective of the County Donegal Development Plan 2006-2012 to protect the integrity of archaeological monuments and their settings (Chapter 8.5 relating to the Built and Natural Heritage) and specifically policy BHN16 (i) which states that the Council will protect and enhance the

integrity of archaeological monuments and their settings and also to secure the preservation (in-situ or, as a minimum, by record) of all archaeological monuments included in the record of Monuments and Places and of sites, features and objects of archaeological interest generally. The proposed development of 2 no. warehouse distribution units (total floor area 608m²) served by a septic tank system and all associated site development works, by virtue of its use, scale and context in an area of open countryside within the visual zone of influence of Conwal Ecclesiastical site and archaeological complex, would intrude significantly upon and seriously injure the amenity value and collective setting of Conwal Ecclesiastical site and the following monuments:

DG 053-029-01 Church and Graveyard

DG 053-029-02 Holy Well

DG 053-029-03 Cross and Slab

DG 053-029-04 Cross Base

DG 053-029-05 Stone Sculpture

DG 053-029 Ecclesiastical Remains

To permit the proposed development would therefore materially contravene the policy of the County Donegal Development Plan 2006-2012 and be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The proposed development would contribute to a haphazard and sporadic pattern of commercial development in an area outside the boundaries of Letterkenny and its environs. The grant of permission would prejudice the achievement of the spatial strategy for the county and an objective of the Council to create a vibrant and fully functioning gateway as the principle driver for the development of the region by guiding development into a number of predefined urban centres in order to add to the critical mass of Letterkenny (chapter 2 of County Development Plan 2006-2012 refers). To permit the development of the scale proposed would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. The Planning Authority is not satisfied, in the absence of a site assessment, that provision can be made for the safe and adequate treatment and disposal of wastewater which would be generated by the proposed development having

regard to ground conditions and the proximity of the proposed development to nearby watercourses. Therefore, to permit the development as proposed would be prejudicial to public health and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.”

Clr. Larkin disputed the archaeological report as no objections from either the Church or other parties.

Mr Francie Coyle, Director, Planning and Economic Development confirmed that no objections had been received in respect of this planning application, and that the adjacent Conwal Ecclesiastical Site was not included on the record of protected structures as it was covered by different legislation. Clr Larkin noted that under the Strategic Planning Initiative Letterkenny would be in line to achieve city status by 2025, with significant development implications for this area of the town. The applicant, he stated, was running a vibrant business which could be severely harmed by the traffic impact at the current location, hence the need to develop the business at Tullygay. He asked members to note that there was already a warehouse type development in close proximity that was not shown and also a retail building ½ mile out the road . On the question of visual impact, Clr. Larkin stated that as far as he was aware the building could not be seen from either the graveyard or the main road but the applicant he advised, was prepared to accept the schedule of possible planning conditions should permission be granted.

Clr. Brogan asked for common sense to prevail and affirmed that every effort should be made to accommodate a vibrant business project. Clr. Harte stated that applicants were business people who wished to invest in the town.

On the proposal of Clr. Larkin, seconded by Clr. Brogan, the following motion was put to the meeting by the Mayor and a recorded vote taken by the Meetings Administrator.

“That in accordance with Section 34(6)(a)(iv), of the Planning and Development Act 2000, Donegal County

Council hereby resolves that a decision be made to grant planning permission to Eamon and Brendan Mc Glynn for construction of single storey building consisting of 2 no. distribution units with septic tank and associated site works at Tullygay, Letterkenny, Co Donegal.”

The vote resulted in 18 for with 4 abstentions.

Those voting in favour were: -

Clrs: - D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, A. Bonnar, E. Bonner, J Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, R. Donaghey, J. Harte, J. Kennedy, D. Larkin, N. Mc Bride, M. McDonald, I. McGarvey, McGuinness, T. Slowey. (18)

Clrs. M.T. Gallagher, T. Mc Daid , T. Pringle, and Reid abstained.

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

C/454/07 MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2006 - 2012, AS VARIED - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION BY EDWARD AND IRENE DOHERTY FOR ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSE, SEPTIC TANK AND PERCOLATION AREA AT BIRCHILL, DONEGAL TOWN.

Clr. Kennedy advised that he wished to withdraw the above Motion.

Clr Conaghan requested that the Director of Planning and Economic Development provide Clr. Kennedy with an update on the policies and procedures surrounding the submission of S140 Motions.

C/455/07 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT FALGARROW, COMMEEN, CLOGHAN, LIFFORD TO MR. MICHAEL MC GINLEY.

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

On the proposal of Clr. Reid, seconded by Clr. A. Bonnar, it was resolved to dispose of 0.0850ha or thereabouts of land at Commeen, Cloghan, Lifford to Mr. Michael Mc Ginley, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development

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

C/456/07 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BALLYBOGAN, CLONLEIGH, LIFFORD TO MRS KAREN MC GEE

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

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid, it was resolved to dispose of 0.173 ha of land at Ballybogan, Clonleigh , Lifford to Ms Karen Mc Gee., in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

C/457/07 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT STATION ROAD, CARNDONAGH, TO MC LAUGHLIN BROS LTD

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

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Clr. Mc Donald, it was resolved to dispose of 0.0948 ha of land at Station Road, Carndonagh, to Mc Laughlin Bros. Ltd. in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

C/458/07 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KILLYLASTIN, LETTERKENNY TO MR. DAVID LOVE

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

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Garvey, seconded by Clr. Brogan, it was resolved to dispose of 0.054 acres of land at Killylastin , Letterkenny to Mr. David Love, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

C/459/07 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO MALIN SEWERAGE SCHEME

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

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Clr. Mc Dobnald, the carrying out of works under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the

Planning & Development Regulations 2001, with regard to Malin Sewerage Scheme was approved.

- C/460/07 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO R250 SALLAGHAGRANE PHASE 1
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Larkin, the carrying out of works under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, with regard to R250 Sallaghagrane Phase 1 was approved on an undertaking from Mr. John McLaughlin that there would be a pedestrian crossing provided at Leisure Centre.
- C/461/07 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED ROAD PROJECT – BARRICK HILL ACCESS ROAD (PHASE 2)
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Clr. Mc Donald, the carrying out of works under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, with regard to proposed road project – Barrick Hill Access Road was approved.
- C/462/07 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED ROAD REALIGNMENT – FOXHALL TO CHURCHILL (PHASE 4)
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. Blaney, seconded by Clr. Brogan, the carrying out of works under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, with regard to proposed Road Realignment – Foxhall – Churchill (Phase 4) was approved.
- C/463/07 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO GLENEELY HOUSING SCHEME (6. NO. HOUSING UNITS)
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Donald, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, the carrying out of works under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, with regard to Gleneely Housing Scheme was approved

C/464/07 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO
CARROWMENAGH HOUSING SCHEME (4 NO.
HOUSING UNITS)

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

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Clr. Mc Donald, the carrying out of works under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, with regard to Carrowmenagh Housing Scheme was approved

C/465/07 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO
NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM HOUSING SCHEME (20
NO. SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS)

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

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, the carrying out of works under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, with regard to Newtowncunningham Housing Scheme was approved

C/466/07 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO ELABEG
TRANSIENT SITE

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

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, the carrying out of works under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, with regard to Elabeg Transient Site was approved.

Mr. Liam Kelly, Director of Housing and Building confirmed that there were no outstanding issues in relation to the ownership of the land .

C/467/07 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO
KILLYBEGS WATER TREATMENT WORKS.

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

On the proposal of Clr. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Boyle, the carrying out of works under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, with regard to Killybegs Water Treatment Works was approved.

C/468/07 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO RANNAGH PIER.

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

On the proposal of Clr. Alcorn, seconded by Clr. Slowey, the carrying out of works under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, with regard to Rannagh Pier was approved.

C/469/07 TO NOTE “2006 SERVICE INDICATORS REPORT”

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

It was agreed that further discussion on the report would take place at the October General Purposes Committee Meeting.

C/470/07 TO APPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED PAYSCALES SANCTIONED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 27.17 OF TOWARDS 2016

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

On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Byrne, it was resolved to approve the implementation of the revised pay scales sanctioned by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, under Section 20.17 of Towards 2016.

C/471/07 TUAIRISC AR SCÉIM TEANGA ÚDARAIS ÁITÚLA DHÚN NA NGALL 2005/2008 – UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DONEGAL LOCAL AUTHORITIES LANGUAGE SCHEME

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

Mr. Sean O' Daimhin, Oifigeach Gaeilge, briefed Members on the implementation of the scheme, highlighting a range of projects which were currently being promoted. These included the Annual Scholarship Scheme, translation services, the development of a fully bilingual website, and the provision of a number of dedicated training opportunities.

Members commended the excellent work being carried out in relation to the promotion of the Irish language within Donegal County Council and the efforts of staff to learn the language. Mr. O' Daimhin's advised that the Council's Coiste na Gaeilge had put forward a proposal for a half day training session for elected members. The session would involve the use of the language, information on resources available and ways in which Councillors could promote the language in their role as public representatives. It was agreed that the half day session for County Councillors and Town Councillors would be held on Monday 15th October, 2007 at 2.30pm in the Training Room, County House, Lifford. Clr. Alcorn informed those present that Oideas Gael had kindly offered to provide a scholarship for the benefit of the elected members.

C/472/07 TO CONSIDER MANAGER'S REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED REGARDING MATERIAL ALTERATION TO THE DRAFT LIFFORD LOCAL AREA PLAN

Members considered the report, circulated prior to the meeting, in relation to the above.

Mr. Francie Coyle, Director, Planning and Economic Development noted that a number of submissions had been received but that only those, which had been formally published, could be dealt with at this juncture.

Material Alteration No. 3

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Daid, seconded by Clr. Crawford, it was resolved to extend the Local Area Plan boundary at Drumboy and to zone lands as both "Low Density Residential" and "Agricultural".

Material Alteration No. 4

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid, it was resolved to rezone lands to the rear of St Jude's Court from 'Agricultural/Amenity' to 'Low Density Residential' with a 5 metre development free buffer zone up to the proposed Realignment Corridor.

Material Alteration No. 7

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid, it was resolved to rezone lands from 'Agricultural/Amenity' to 'Residential' with a 10 metre development free buffer zone up to the proposed Realignment Corridor.

Material Alteration No. 8

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid, it was resolved to rezone lands from 'Agricultural/Amenity' to 'Opportunity Site' with a 5 metre development free buffer zone up to the proposed Realignment Corridor.

Material Alteration No. 1

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid, it was resolved to change zoning of lands designated as "Employment" at Lifford Common to "Residential".

Material Alteration No. 2

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Daid, seconded by Clr. Crawford, it was resolved to reduce the extent of the amenity zoning along the rail embankment to a 10m buffer.

Material Alteration No. 5

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Daid, seconded by Clr. Crawford, it was resolved to extend the "Opportunity Site" zoning on the former Inter County Hotel site, off the Lifford-Ballybofey Road (N 14)

Material Alteration No. 6

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid, it was resolved to rezone lands from "Residential" to "Residential Reserve"

Mr. Francie Coyle, Director, Planning and Economic Development advised that this option would provide a degree of flexibility for future development.

Material Alteration No. 9

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid, it was resolved to change zoning of northeastern portion of M1 and M2, from “ Mixed Use” to “ Residential”.

Mr. Francie Coyle, Director, Planning and Economic Development acknowledged the contribution of Mr. Gerry Richards, Senior Planner, Mr. Simon Harron, Executive Planner and all who had contributed to the overall development of the plan.

It was resolved on the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid, to make the Lifford Local Area Plan, subject to the recommendations set out in the Manager’s Report on the Material Alterations and the amendments already adopted above, and to publish said plan in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 – 2006.

A map illustrating the material alterations adopted is attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes.

C/473/07

TO CONSIDER MANAGER’S REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED REGARDING MATERIAL ALTERATION TO THE DRAFT NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM LOCAL AREA PLAN

Members considered the report, circulated prior to the meeting, in relation to the above.

Material Alteration No. 3

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to accept the Manager’s Response and extend the plan boundary to accommodate the following proposals: -

- To facilitate the development of a new/improved Waste Water Treatment Plant and associated network (identified on the map – Southern lands) and to be zoned as ‘Public Utilities/Infrastructure’.

And

- To facilitate the development of recreational and ancillary facilities at Northern lands, identified on map as Ref. MA 3. in reports circulated.

Material Alteration No. 4

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to accept the Manager's Response and introduce the following new objective: -

- To facilitate the development of a roundabout on the N13 (identified on map as Ref. MA 4. in reports circulated) to improve road safety and to enable traffic / pedestrians to safely cross from Newtowncunningham's Main Street to the Moyle school.

Material Alteration No. 6

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to accept the County Manager's Response and introduce a new slip road adjacent to the former Potato Store from the Main Street and with direct access onto the N13.

Material Alteration No. 12

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to amend the Draft Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan 2007 – 2013, extend the Plan boundary and realign the proposed new developer led road and, to zone these additional lands for Low Density Residential use.

Mr. Francie Coyle, Director, Planning and Economic Development, advised, in response to members concerns that road would at one point traverse a private garden, stated that there would be flexibility in relation to the realignment of the developer led road.

Material Alteration No. 1

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to accept the Manager's Response and recognise the approach road leading from Newtowncunningham to Derry (St Johnston) as an Economic Growth Corridor.

Material Alteration No. 2

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to accept the Manager's Response and recognise the need to upgrade culverts across N13, thus introducing the following objective: -

“To assess the capacity of the existing culverts which cross the N13 and to facilitate the development of appropriate culverts which cater for and disperse surface waters, flood waters and tidal surges”.

Material Alteration No. 5

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to amend the Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan 2007 to extend the Plan boundary and zone lands as Commercial/Employment for sale of Bulky Goods.

Material Alteration No. 7

- On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to amend the Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan to extend the Town Centre Area westwards (identified on map as Ref. MA 7. in reports circulated).

Material Alteration No. 11

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to delete the following text from the Town Centre Policy, Site A, B and C: -

Site A

“a maximum of 30% of the development site will be considered for residential use” from Detailed Area Policy, Site A, and insert a new policy reference TC14.

Site B

“ A minimum of 60% of the development site will be considered for residential use.” from Detailed Area Policy, Site B, and insert a new policy reference TC15.

Site C

“ A maximum of 30% of the development site will be considered for residential” from Detailed Area Policy, Site C, and insert a new policy reference TC16.

Material Alteration No. 8

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to remove the indicative road within the Town Centre.

Material Alteration No. 9

In response to Clr. Conaghan’s query in relation to the provision of a bridge over the N13, Mr. Francie Coyle, Director, Planning and Economic Development advised that if members accepted the recommendation then a case for same would have to be presented to the National Roads Authority. The aim was, he affirmed, to have a specific objective in the plan to pursue this matter. A lengthy debate ensued with members questioning whether the provision of a bridge was a viable option or just an aspiration.

Material Alteration No.10

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Donald, it was resolved to amend the Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan to extend the plan boundary and zone identified lands as an Opportunity Site (OPP4).

It was resolved on the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, to make the Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan subject to the recommendations set out in the Manager’s Report on the Material Alterations and the amendments already adopted above, and to publish said plan in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 – 2006.

A map illustrating the material alterations adopted is attached as Appendix 2 to the minutes.

Mr Francie Coyle, Director Planning and Economic Development acknowledged the efforts of all who had been involved in the preparation of the plan.

C/474/07 TO AGREE DATE FOR WORKSHOP ON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

It was resolved to hold the workshop on Monday 1st October, 2007, in the Training Room, County House, Lifford.

Members were informed that the following schedule would be in operation on the day:

10.00am Workshop- Development Contribution Scheme.

2.00 pm Workshop- Review County Development Plan

Clr. Mc Guinness requested that Ms Aideen Doherty, CEDO, Carndonagh be informed of this schedule so that arrangements could be put in place to cancel the Tourism Workshop previously arranged for the Inishowen Electoral Area Members.

C/475/07 TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE PREFERRED ROUTE FOR THE N56 MOUNTCHARLES TO KILLYBEGS.

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

Mr. John Mc Laughlin, Director, Roads and Transportation advised that this project had been on the drawing board for a number of years and that there had been a number of issues in relation to the selection of the preferred route.

The Mayor stated that, in his opinion, none of the issues raised by members at public consultation had been addressed.

Clr. Byrne, whilst recognising the Mayor's concern, outlined the necessity of moving the matter forward, given the need for greater access to the port of Killybegs, and quick and safe access to western Donegal particularly in relation to the economic stability of the region.

On the proposal of Clr. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Boyle, it was resolved to defer consideration of the matter to later in the meeting.

C/476/07 TO NOTE DATE FOR ROAD SAFE ROAD SHOW.

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

The Mayor advised that it was essential that all second level pupils in the county availed of the opportunity to attend this event.

It was agreed that the Director of Roads and Transportation would contact the Road Safety Officer to ensure that all schools in the county had been invited.

Members called for Youth Council representatives to be involved in the promotion of the event.

C/477/07 TO CONSIDER MAKING OF A SUBMISSION OF AN
GARDA SIOCHANA POLICING PLAN, 2007

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

Members raised a number of issues and the general consensus was that the matter required further discussion.

It was acknowledged that there were a number of areas in which the Local Authority was required to work on a collaborative basis with the Gardai, namely in its role as a Planning Authority and on matters of Road Safety.

Clr. Conaghan advised that there should be more collaboration particularly in relation to social issues, given the unprecedented growth in communities across the county. Members lamented the closure of small garda stations and called for more effective community policing, to curb the rising levels of anti social behaviour in many areas. The number of vacant houses in the county was also deemed to be a problem.

Clr. Larkin reminded Members that the Gardai too were working with limited resources. He asked that the Joint Policing Committees and the County Development Board, collaborate and produce a discussion document on the issues concerned, thus analysing where and when improvements could be made.

It was agreed that the Members should have the opportunity to meet with the Chief Superintendent and that this could be done through the forum of the General Purposes Committee Meeting so the media could be in attendance.

C/478/07 CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Having noted the revised arrangements under Section 142 5(d) of the Local Government Act, 2001, introduced by the Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations 2006, and directives issued by the Minister in that regard, on the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Byrne, it was resolved to authorise any member if

he/she so wished to attend the following conferences, subject to the normal procedures:-

1. Individual members not exceeding their annual budget for attendance at conferences.
 2. Payment of expenses for attendance to be conditional on the member furnishing documentary evidence of attendance.
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- (ix) IWEA Autumn Conference to be held at the Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell, Co.Cavan on 28th September 2007.
 - (x) National Conference for River Basin District Council Members to be held at The Conference Centre, Floors 16 and 17, County Hall, Cork on 27th – 28th September 2007.
 - (xi) La Touche Legacy Autumn Seminar to be held at Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow on 28th – 30th September 2007.
 - (xii) Active Citizenship Conference to be held at the Radisson SAS St. Helen's Hotel, Stillorgan Road, Dublin 4 on 2nd – 3rd October 2007.
 - (xiii) National Arts/Tourism Seminar to be held at Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 4th October 2007.
 - (xiv) National Conference on Substance and Alcohol misuse to be held at Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 4th – 5th October 2007.
 - (xv) A.M.A.I 10th Annual Conference "The Challenge of Climate Change for the Island of Ireland" to be held at Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 19th October 2007.
 - (xvi) Finding a Balance Project – FAB to be held at the Radisson SAS Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on 26th September 2007.

C/479/07 MAYOR'S BUSINESS

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were proposed to the following:

Breeda Doherty Manager, Stranorlar Regional Training Centre on the death of her father, Liam Doherty

Martina Carr, Planning Section, Milford on the death of her father, Paddy Galligan.

Anne Mullally (Milford Library) on the death of her brother Pat Callaghan.

Harriet Purkis, General Manager, Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny, on the death of her mother , Sally Purkis.

Caroline Carr, Donegal County Museum and Liam Carr, fire fighter.
on the death of their brother,Patrick Carr.

Breege Murphy, Planning Section, Dungloe PSC, on the death of her sister, Mrs Margaret Davey.

Virginia McLoone, Area Manager, Glenties/Milford on the death of her brother, John Boyle.

Patsy McHugh, Partnership Facilitator on the death of his father Frank Mc Hugh.

Paul Kilcoyne, Senior Engineer, Water, Environment & Emergency Services, on the death of his father, Páid Kilcoyne.

Mr. Sean Sheridan, Director Corporate Services, on the death of his mother, Theresa Sheridan.

Maura Logue, Community Arts & Arts Education Officer, PSC Donegal Town, on the death of her mother, Breid Logue.

The family of the late Grace Ward, The Boat House, Leabgarrow, Aranmore Island.

FLIGHT OF THE EARLS COMMEMORATION

The Mayor thanked all of those involved in organising and promoting the various activities. He noted that the events in Rathmullan had been a spectacular success. This he noted

had been reflected in the large number of visitors to the area.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Clr. Boyle commended the commitment and dedication of all involved.

EU PARLIAMENT DELEGATION VISIT.

Members of the parliament had received a warm welcome whilst in Donegal, and had been updated on the range of issues relevant for the continued economic development of the region.

EUROPEAN AWARD.

The Mayor noted that Donegal County Enterprise Board had been recommended for a European Award.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations was extended to Ms Anne Marie Ward on her recent successful attempt at swimming the English Channel.

MOTIONS: TIME LIMITS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor reminded members of their obligation under Standing Orders to adhere to the time limits specified.

FINANCIAL ADVISORY WORKING GROUP

The Mayor advised that the Corporate Policy Group had set up a Financial Advisory Working Group and its first meeting would be held next month.

C/480/07

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Byrne, the Council resolved to adjourn consideration of the remainder of the business of the meeting to Monday 8th October 2007 at 10.00am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.