

MINUTES OF RESUMED STATUTORY BUDGET MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD, CO. DONEGAL ON TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY, 2007 AT 10.00 a.m. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING A BUDGET AND DETERMINING THE ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION FOR THE SERVICES OF THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 2007

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Enda Bonner, Méara	Cllr J.J. Reid
Cllr Liam Blaney	Cllr David Alcorn
Cllr Dessie Larkin	Cllr Alice Bonner
Cllr Ciaran Brogan	Cllr John Boyle
Cllr Gerry Crawford	Cllr Francis Conaghan
Cllr Pdraig Doherty	Cllr Brendan Byrne
Cllr Rena Donaghey	Cllr Pearse Doherty
Cllr Jonathan Kennedy	Cllr Jimmy Harte
Cllr Noel McBride	Cllr Tony McDaid
Cllr Denis McGonagle	Cllr Ian McGarvey
Cllr Patrick McGowan	Cllr Brian O'Domhnaill
Cllr Bernard McGuinness	Cllr Thomas Pringle
Cllr Pdraig MacLochlainn	Cllr Terence Slowey
Cllr Sean McEniff	Cllr Marion McDonald

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OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mr Michael McLoone, County Manager
Mr Aidan McNicholas, Head of Finance
Mr Liam Kelly, ACM & Director of Services, Housing/Building
Mr Michael Heaney, Director of Services, C, C & E
Mr John G McLaughlin, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation
Mr Jim Holohan, Director of Services, Water/Env/Emergency
Mr Francie Coyle, Director of Services, Planning/Economic Dev.
Mr Sean Sheridan, Director of Services, Corporate Services
Mr Joe Peoples, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Mr Bartley McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer, Finance
Ms Anne Marie Quinn, Administrative Officer, Finance
Ms Marie Quinn, Assistant Staff Officer, Finance
Ms Miriam Browne, Assistant Staff Officer, Finance
Ms Donna Rodgers, Clerical Officer, Finance

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APOLOGIES

Cllr Barry O'Neill

MOTION PROPOSED BY CLLR CONAGHAN

Cllr Francis Conaghan proposed the following Motion:

- Reduce the proposed increase of 4% in Commercial Rates to 3.5% resulting in a reduction in Income of €93,184.
- Include an additional €140,000 for Road Maintenance (when this €140,000 is combined with the 2006 increase of €660,000 and the original proposal to increase 2007 by €100,000 the total of €900,000 is to be allocated and agreed at Electoral Area level).
- The combined cost of these two measures of €233,184 to be funded as follows:
 - €50,000 reduction in the Planning Budget
 - €70,000 reduction in the provision for Bad/Doubtful Debts for Fire Charges
 - €113,000 reduction in the provision for Bad/Doubtful Debts for Commercial Water Charges
 - €184 reduction in Miscellaneous Expenditure in Programme Group 8

Cllr Sean McEniff seconded this proposal.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY CLLR MCLOCHLAINN

The following amendment to Cllr Conaghans motion was proposed by Cllr McLochlainn and seconded by Cllr Pearse Doherty:-

Reduce the proposed increase in Commercial Rates by a further 1.5%. The reduction in Rate Income to be funded from the inclusion of an additional 750 Commercial Water Accounts.

A recorded vote on the amendment resulted in 4 in favour and 24 against.

Those voting in favour were Councillors Pearse Doherty, Tony McDaid, Pdraig McLochlainn & Thomas Pringle

Those voting against were Councillors David Alcorn, Liam Blaney, Alice Bonner, Cllr Enda Bonner, John Boyle, Ciaran Brogan, Brendan Byrne, Francis Conaghan, Gerry Crawford, Pdraig Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Jimmy Harte, Jonathan Kennedy, Dessie Larkin, Noel McBride, Marion McDonald, Sean McEniff, Ian McGarvey, Denis McGonagle, Patrick McGowan, Bernard McGuinness, Brian O'Domhnaill, J.J. Reid &

The Méara declared the amendment lost.

Cllr Conaghans motion was then put to the meeting and a recorded vote was taken resulting in 16 voting in favour and 12 voting against.

Those voting in favour were Councillors David Alcorn, Liam Blaney, Alice Bonner, Enda Bonner, Ciaran Brogan, Brendan Byrne, Francis Conaghan, Gerry Crawford, Rena Donaghey, Jonathan Kennedy, Dessie Larkin, Marion McDonald, Sean McEniff, Denis McGonagle, Patrick McGowan, Brian O'Domhnaill

Those voting against were Councillors John Boyle, Padraig Doherty, Pearse Doherty, Jimmy Harte, Noel McBride, Tony McDaid, Ian McGarvey, Bernard McGuinness, Padraig McLochlainn, Thomas Pringle, J.J. Reid, Terence Slowey

The Méara declared the motion carried.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Proposed by: Councillor Francis Conaghan

Seconded by: Councillor Sean McEniff

and resolved "That Donegal County Council hereby adopt for the Financial year ended 31st December, 2007, the Budget set out in the Tables A and B resulting in an Annual Rate on Valuation of €72.29 as shown in Table B and the Budget of money demanded for the Town of Ballyshannon as set out in Table C resulting in an Annual Rate on Valuation of €3.27 as shown in column 7 of Table C".

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DETERMINATION OF THE ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION

Proposed by: Councillor Francis Conaghan

Seconded by: Councillor Sean McEniff

and resolved "That Donegal County Council hereby determine, in accordance with the Budget now adopted, the rates set out in:

Table B = €72.29

Column (7) of Table C = €3.27

to be the Annual Rate on Valuation to be levied for the year ended 31st December, 2007 for the purpose set out in Table B and in Table

C/18/07 COUNTY CHARGE

Proposed by: Councillor Francis Conaghan
Seconded by: Councillor Terence Slowey
and resolved "That the sums set forth hereunder be demanded from the Town Councils by way of County Charge for the services of the year ended 31st December, 2007"

BUNCRANA:	€ 300,994
BUNDORAN:	€ 284,794
LETTERKENNY:	€1,955,000

C/19/07 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

At the end of the meeting the Méara complimented the Members on their contribution.

Máire:

Ende Dunne.

Date:

16.8.07.