

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig Riarthóir na
Aras an Chontae
LEIFEAR
24 Bealtaine, 2011

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar siúl Dé Luain, 30 Bealtaine 2011, ag **11.00 r.n. in Áras an Chontae, Leifear**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A Chara

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

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

Mise, le meas

A. MacSuibhne

Riarthóir Cruinnithe(RÚNAI CHONTAE)

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
24th May, 2011

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 30th May, 2011, at **11.00am 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

Confirmation of Minutes of the April Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 26th April, 2011.

2. Filling of Casual Vacancy in Membership of the Council

Filling of casual vacancy occasioned by the disqualification from Local Authority Membership of Clr. Jimmy Harte, pursuant to Section 13, Local Government Act, 2001 as amended by the Local Government (No.2) Act, 2003.

3. Filling of Consequential Vacancies arising from 2 above

- Letterkenny Electoral Area Committee.
- Donegal Local Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee.
- Housing and Corporate SPC.
- Planning and Economic Development SPC.
- Regional Health Forum.

4. Filling of Casual Vacancy in the Vocational Education Committee

Filling of casual vacancy in the membership of the Vocational Education Committee arising from the resignation of Clr. Cora Harvey.

5. Filling of Casual Vacancies in the Joint Policing Committee

- Election of Clr. John Campbell as the Donegal Electoral Area Committee's nominee.
- Election of Clr. Rena Donaghey as the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee's nominee.

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

- a) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to dispose of land at Barrack Hill, Carndonagh to Carndonagh Boxing Club.
- b) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to dispose of Cottage at Glentown, St. Johnston to Ms Jade Lyons, C/o Barr & Co Solicitors, Derry.
- c) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to exchange plot of land at Carrigart between Donegal County Council and Mr Neil Carr.

- d) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to dispose of land at Cruckarra, Kilcar to John Hegarty, No. 8 Cruckarra, Kilcar.
- e) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to dispose of land at Movable Green, Movable, County Donegal by way of lease to Adrian Harkin, T/A Just Kayak Ltd.

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

- a) To approve carrying out of works with regard to the N56 Cloghbolie to Boyoughter Road Project.
- b) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to the construction of 3 No. Pipe Bridges across the Burn Daurnett Stream in Ballybofey.
- c) To approve carrying out of works with regard to proposed N56 Creeslough Pavement Strengthening and Environmental Improvement Scheme 2011.
- d) To approve carrying out of works with regard to the proposed Lifford Environmental Improvement Scheme.
- e) To approve carrying out of improvement works on the L2784-3 and L7204-1 Drumboe Road, Drumboe Lower and proposed Road Realignment and Bridge Widening.

8. Planning and Economic Development

To approve the publication of the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2012-2018 and to commence public consultation in accordance with Section 12 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2010.

9. Roads and Transportation

- a) To approve the proposed Bridge Strengthening Works Programme for 2011.
- b) To consider proposals for allocation of additional €4.2m Road Grant Monies.

10. Housing and Building

TO APPROVE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT COUNTY DONElocation Scheme.

11. Endorsement of Confirmed Minutes

- a) Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of the Letterkenny Electoral Area Committee held on the 7th March, 2011.
- b) Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of the Glenties Electoral Area Committee held on the 22nd March, 2011.
- c) Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee held on the 31st March, 2011.
- d) To note confirmed minutes of meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on the 18th April, 2011.

12. Authorisation of representation at a Seminar, Meeting or Event

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

- Elected Members Training Seminar – Renewable Energy Local Government can make a difference to be held Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th June, 2011 at the Mill Park Hotel, The Mullins, Donegal Town, Co Donegal.
- Elected Member's Training Seminar – Elected Member's Responsibilities Indemnity from Liability of Decisions of the Body Corporate to be held Friday 10th to Sunday 12th June, 2011 at the Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City.
- Dundalk Chamber of Commerce in association with Louth Economic Forum – East Coast Green Growth to be held Thursday 9th June, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co Louth.
- Housing Practitioners' Conference 2011 – Social Housing Reform – New Directions to be held Thursday 16th and Friday 17th June, 2011 at the Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.
- Celtic Conferences – European Union Funding and Functions to be held Friday 17th to Sunday 19th June, 2011 at the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork.

- Training Seminar for Councillors – Suicide “ A crisis in need of support” to be held Friday 24th and Saturday 25th June, 2011 at the City North Hotel, Gormanstown, Co Meath.

Abroad

- To approve the attendance of Clr. John Boyle as nominee of the Mayor at the 20th Anniversary celebrations of the Twinning of Ballyshannon/Donegal Town and Sene, France in Sene 30th May to 4th June, 2011.

13. Conference Reports

Clr. Liam Blaney –

ACCC, Rural Communicaties Seminar held 4th and 5th March, 2010 at the Ballykisteen Hotel, Limerick Junction, Co Tipperary.

Clr. Liam Blaney –

TJK Defamation Seminar held 28th and 29th May, 2010 at the Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick.

Clr. Liam Blaney –

LAMA Local Government Efficiency and Financing held 8th and 9th October, 2010 at the Listowel Arms Hotel, Co. Kerry.

Clr. John Boyle –

LAMA Local Government Efficiency and Financing held 8th and 9th October, 2010 at the Listowel Arms Hotel, Co. Kerry.

Clr. John Ryan –

Radon a Hidden Killer held 12th to 14th November, 2010 at the Manorwest Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

Clr. John Ryan –

Building Regulations Renewable Energy Requirement and Home Insurance held 17th to 19th December, 2010 at the Manorwest Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

Clr. Mickey Doherty –

Building Regulations Renewable Energy and Insurance held 17th to 19th December, 2010 at the Manorwest Hotel, Kilarney Road, Co. Kerry.

Clr. Gerry Crawford –

A.C.C. held 24th and 25th March, 2011 in Tullamore.

Clr. Terence Slowey –

Elected Members Training Planning Act 2010 held 8th April, 2011 at St Angela’s College, Sligo.

Clr. Dessie Larkin –

A Greener Future and Job Creation held 27th to 29th April, 2011 in Drumshambo, Co. Leitrim.

Clr. Paul Canning –

LAMA Spring Seminar 2011 held the 29th and 30th April, 2011 in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk.

Clr. John Boyle –

LAMA Economic Revival A role for Local Government held 29th and 30th April, 2011 in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk.

Clr. Brendan Byrne –

LAMA Spring Seminar held 29th and 30th April, 2011 in Dundalk, Co. Louth.

Clr. Martin Harley –

LAMA Spring Seminar 2011 held 29th and 30th April, 2011 in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk.

Clr. John Boyle –

Donegal Live held 1st May, 2011 in Glasgow.

Clr. Dessie Larkin –

Donegal Live held 22nd May, 2011 in Iveagh Gardens, Dublin.

14. Deputations

Reception of Deputation from Eirgrid PLC (2.30pm).

15. Mayor's Business

16. Manager's Report

17. Motions from Other Councils/Bodies

MONAGHAN TOWN COUNCIL

“Tarrann an Chomhairle seo ar an Rialtas nua-tofa agus go h-áirithe ar a Thaoiseach cinntiú go gcaomhnófar céad teanga oifigiúil na tíre seo agus go gcinnteoidh said starraiceacht s’aici sa chóras oideachais.”

“That this Council calls on the newly elected Government and particularly it’s Taoiseach to ensure the preseveration of our first official language and promote its prominence in the education system.”

MONAGHAN TOWN COUNCIL

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Environment, Phil Hogan TD to address as a matter of urgency the crippling cost of rates on commercial properties.”

SOUTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

“That this Council calls on the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government to stop the spending cuts to Community and Voluntary Forums and to reinstate all cuts that have taken place to date.

Furthermore that this motion be forwarded to all Local Authorities for their consideration.”

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

“I seek the support of my fellow councillors in asking that Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Finance, Mr Michael Noonan requesting that he meet with representatives of the Quinn Group at the earliest opportunity in order that they may present their proposal concerning Quinn Insurance for the safe guarding of almost 6,000 jobs for this region and the potential creation of an additional 1,800 jobs over the next 7 years.”

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

“I ask Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr Ruairi Quinn not to introduce the proposed changes to the Primary School Transport Scheme arising from the last Budget 2011. These changes will impose considerable financial hardships and inconvenience on parents and pupils living in rural areas.”

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD
IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD ON 30TH MAY, 2011

C/210/11 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. Cora Harvey, Mayor, D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, J. Campbell, P. Canning, G. Crawford, M. Doherty, P. Doherty, R. Donaghey, M. Farren, M.T. Gallagher, M. Harley, D. Larkin, F. McBrearty, M. McBride, N. McBride, S. McEniff, I. McGarvey, P. McGowan, B. Mc Guinness, J. Murray, S. Ó Domhnaill, J. Ryan.

C/211/11 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Seamus Neely, County Manager, Mr John McLaughlin, Director of Roads and Transportation, Mr Joe Peoples, A/Director of Water and Environment, Mr Michael Heaney, Director of Community, Culture and Planning, Mr Garry Martin, Director of Finance and Emergency Services, Mr Liam Ward, Director of Corporate and Housing, A/Meetings Administrator, Ms Helena O'Toole, Senior Planner, Mr Eunan Quinn, A/Senior Planner, Mr Denis Kelly, Senior Planner, Mr Michael McGarvey, Divisional Manager, Community Culture & Planning, Ms Sinead Harkin, Executive Planner, Ms Alana Greene, Executive Planner, Ms. Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer.

C/212/11 ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH

On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Crawford, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 1.30pm for lunch.

C/213/11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 26TH
APRIL, 2011

On the proposal of Clr. Donaghey, seconded by Clr. Crawford, the Minutes of the Meeting of Donegal County Council, held on 26th April, 2011, were adopted, subject to clarification that the date for the Annual General Meeting was the 27th June, 2011 and not the 17th June, as outlined in Minute C/173/11.

C/214/11 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF
THE COUNCIL OCCASIONED BY THE
DISQUALIFICATION FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY

MEMBERSHIP OF CLR. JIMMY HARTE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 13, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO. 2) ACT, 2003.

The Mayor informed members that a casual vacancy existed in the membership of Donegal County Council occasioned by the disqualification from Local Authority Membership of Clr. Jimmy Harte, arising from his election to Seanad Éireann.

The vacancy she advised, had to be filled in accordance with Section 13, Local Government Act, 2001 as amended by the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 2003.

Mr. Michael Mc Bride, was proposed by Clr. Mc Brearty, seconded by Clr. Farren, to fill the casual vacancy.

The Mayor having established that there were no other nominations for the position declared Clr Michael Mc Bride elected to fill the casual vacancy on Donegal County Council.

The Party Whips on behalf of their respective groupings welcomed Clr. Mc Bride to the Chamber and assured him of their ongoing assistance and co-operation.

Congratulations was extended to Senator Harte on his elevation to the Seanad, with all present acknowledging the excellent contribution that he had made to political life in Donegal over the years.

The County Manager welcoming Clr. Mc Bride noted that he was joining the Council at one of the most challenging periods in its history.

Clr. Mc Bride proceeded to address the Chamber advising that it had been his lifelong ambition to become a Member of Donegal County Council. He thanked all who had helped him on that journey, paying particular tribute to his late parents. He thanked Senator Jimmy Harte for giving him the opportunity to take the seat on Donegal County Council and asserted that he would do his utmost to repay the trust that had been put in him. He vowed to work to the best of his

ability and represent in a fair and consistent manner the local electorate.

C/215/11 FILLING OF CONSEQUENTIAL VACANCIES ARISING FROM DISQUALIFICATION OF CLR. JIMMY HARTE, FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP PURSUANT TO SECTION 13, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO. 2) ACT, 2003.

Letterkenny Electoral Area Committee

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Garvey, seconded by Clr. Mc Brearty, it was resolved that Clr. Michael Mc Bride fill the casual vacancy on the Letterkenny Electoral Area Committee.

Donegal Local Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Brearty, seconded by Clr. Farren, it was resolved that Clr. Michael Mc Bride fill the casual vacancy on the Donegal Local Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Housing & Corporate Strategic Policy Committee

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Brearty, seconded by Clr. Farren, it was resolved that Clr. Michael Mc Bride fill the casual vacancy on the Housing & Corporate Strategic Policy Committee.

Planning and Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Brearty, seconded by Clr. Farren, it was resolved that Clr. Michael Mc Bride fill the casual vacancy on the Planning & Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee.

Regional Health Forum

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Brearty, seconded by Clr. Farren, it was resolved that Clr. Michael Mc Bride fill the casual vacancy on the Regional Health Forum.

- C/216/11 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING
On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness, it was resolved to take a half hour recess at this juncture.
- C/217/11 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN THE COUNTY DONEGAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE ARISING FROM THE RESIGNATION OF CLR. CORA HARVEY
On the proposal of Clr. Harvey, seconded by Clr. Gallagher, it was resolved that Clr. Murray fill the casual vacancy on the County Donegal Vocational Education Committee arising from the resignation of Clr. Cora Harvey.
- C/218/11 ELECTION OF CLR. JOHN CAMPBELL AS DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA NOMINEE ON THE JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE
On the proposal of Clr. Boyle, seconded by Clr. Byrne, it was resolved that Clr. Campbell as the designated Donegal Electoral Area candidate fill the casual vacancy on the Joint Policing Committee occasioned by the election of Clr. Thomas Pringle to Dáil Éireann.
- C/219/11 ELECTION OF CLR. RENA DONAGHEY AS INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA NOMINEE ON THE JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE
On the proposal of Clr. M. Doherty, seconded by Clr. Ryan, it was resolved that Clr. Donaghey as the designated Inishowen Electoral Area candidate fill the casual vacancy on the Joint Policing Committee occasioned by the election of Clr. Charlie Mc Conalogue to Dáil Éireann
- C/220/11 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BARRACK HILL, CARNDONAGH TO CARNDONAGH BOXING CLUB
Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. McGuinness, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, it was resolved to dispose of land at Barrack Hill, Carndonagh to Carndonagh Boxing Club, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

- C/221/11 DISPOSAL OF COTTAGE AT GLENTOWN, ST JOHNSTON TO MS JADE LYONS, C/O BARR & CO. SOLICITORS, DERRY
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Harvey, it was resolved to dispose of Cottage at Glentown, St Johnston to Ms Jade Lyons, C/o Barr & Co. Solicitors, Derry, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- C/222/11 DISPOSAL OF LAND BY WAY OF EXCHANGE OF PLOT OF LAND AT CARRIGART BETWEEN DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL AND MR NEIL CARR
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. McBride, seconded by Clr. Blaney, it was resolved to dispose by way of exchange, plot of land at Carrigart between Donegal County Council and Mr Neil Carr in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- C/223/11 DISPOSAL OF LAND CRUCKARRA, KILCAR TO JOHN HEGARTY
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Boyle, it was resolved to dispose of land at Cruckarra, Kilcar to John Hegarty, No. 8 Cruckarra, Kilcar, Co Donegal, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- C/224/11 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT MOVILLE GREEN BY WAY OF LEASE TO ADRIAN HARKIN, T/A JUST KAYAK LTD.
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. Donaghey, seconded by Clr. Doherty, it was resolved to dispose of land by way of lease to Adrian Harkin, T/A Just Kayak Ltd, c/o Cormac Mc Keone & Co 1 Carlisle Terrace, Derry, in accordance with

Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

C/225/11 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO THE CARRYING OUT OF WORKS ON THE N56 CLOGBOLIE TO BOYOUGHTER ROAD PROJECT

Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, together with a briefing note from Mr. Brendan O' Donnell, Senior Executive Engineer and two number submissions from the Development Applications Unit of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in relation to the above.

Members on the proposal of Clr. Gallagher, seconded by Clr. P. Doherty, having considered the N56 Cloghbolie to Boyoughter Road Project and the Manager's Report prepared in respect of the Part 8 planning process, together with the Briefing Note prepared by the NRDO approved 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 works on the N56 Cloghbolie to Boyoughter Road Project and resolved that the proposed development proceed as proposed in the Manager's Report subject to compliance with the requirements and recommendations set out in the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht submissions attached to the NRDO Briefing Note.

C/226/11 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF 3 NO PIPE BRIDGES ACROSS THE BURN DAURNETT STREAM IN BALLYBOFEY

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

On the proposal of Clr. McGowan, seconded by Clr. Harvey, 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 the construction of 3 no pipe bridges spanning the Burn Daurnett Stream in the townlands of Ballybofey, Sessiagh O' Neill and Navenney, Ballybofey was approved.

- C/227/11 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED N56 CREESLOUGH PAVEMENT STRENGTHENING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2011
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. O'Domhnaill, seconded by Clr. Gallagher, 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 the proposed N56 Pavement Strengthening and Environmental Improvement Scheme 2011 were approved. Clr. O' Domhnaill urged the Council to seek match funding to satisfactorily complete works on this project.
- C/228/11 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED LIFFORD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME
The item was withdrawn on the basis that a number of planning issues had yet to be resolved. Members were informed that it would be included on the agenda of the next appropriate meeting.
Concern was expressed that Members had not been fully updated in relation to the matter.
- C/229/11 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO THE CARRYING OUT OF IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON THE L2784-3 AND L7204-1 DRUMBOE ROAD, DRUMBOE LOWER AND PROPOSED ROAD REALIGNMENT AND BRIDGE WIDENING
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.
On the proposal of Clr. McBrearty, seconded by Clr. McGowan, 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 the carrying out of improvement works on a section of the Drumboe Road, the L2784-3 and L7204-1 Drumboe Road, Drumboe Lower to include Road Realignment and Bridge Widening was approved.

The Director of Roads and Transportation in response to Member's request for an overall completion date, agreed to prioritise the finalisation of same over the coming week.

C/230/11 VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS
On the proposal of Clr. Harvey, seconded by Clr. Brogan, it was resolved to vary the order of business and deal with Items 9(a) and 9(b) at this juncture.

C/231/11 TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BRIDGE STRENGTHENING WORKS PROGRAMME FOR 2011
On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. McGarvey, it was resolved to adopt the 2011 Specialist Bridge Strengthening Works Programme.

The Director of Roads and Transportation agreed to follow up in relation to works at Elatagh Bridge.

C/232/11 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL €4.2 MILLION ROAD GRANT MONIES
Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above, and unanimously welcomed the €4.2 million allocation Road Grant monies.

Clr. Crawford proposed, seconded by Clr. Mc Gowan, that the additional €4.2 million road grant monies be allocated as per Table 2 of the Director of Roads and Transportation's Report dated the 18th May, 2011.

Clr. Mc Guinness stated however that the Inishowen Electoral Area Members could not agree to such a proposal as monies had already been allocated within Inishowen Electoral Area on the basis of roads mileage with the general public updated in relation to individual designations. He acknowledged that each area had the right to fight for funding but that distribution on a roads mileage basis had worked reasonably well in the past. He was he said not prepared to accept any change in the distribution method.

Clr. Crawford in response said that the current system was not working and would leave the Stranorlar Electoral Area

with the worst road conditions in the county receiving minimal funding.

He reminded members that the Director of Service's proposals for re-distribution on a combined mileage/road condition model were on a once off basis only.

Concern was expressed that the Electoral Areas had been advised of specific allocations before the Council had time to consider the Director of Service's report.

Stranorlar Member's he acknowledged had supported a range of projects in the County over the years.

Alluding to the strategic location of the Finn Valley area he called on all present to exercise a semblance of goodwill and support the allocation of additional monies to the Stranorlar area.

A lengthy debate ensued with members highlighting specific problems within their own respective areas and the necessity of obtaining adequate funding. A number were of the opinion that the allocation of monies on anything other than a roads mileage basis would encourage areas to keep roads in bad shape. They cited the need to lobby the new government for additional monies and expressed concern that a precedent would be set at this juncture.

Clrs. Larkin and Gallagher outlined the need for a Strategic Roads Initiative and the standardisation of reports on the quality of the county's roads.

Clr. Farren proposed, seconded by Clr. Murray, that the Inishowen Electoral Area retain its allocation of €1,085,444 as per Table 1 of the Director of Roads and Transportation's Report dated 18th May, 2011.

At this juncture Clr. Mc Brearty proposed, seconded by Clr. Harley, that legal opinion be sought in relation to the validity of Clr. Crawford's motion agreed at the Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 26th April, 2011 and outlined below:-

“The Council Executive to re-examine all road monies and in cases where small amounts are yet to be allocated, these should be allocated on a “once-off” basis according to the condition of the roads as determined in the January 2011

evaluation. This would weight monies towards the more damaged areas such as Stranorlar on a once-off basis”

The Director of Roads and Transportation informed the meeting that he had been in contact with the Department, and it was highly unlikely that there would be any further funding for severe weather damage. Recognising the need for flexibility within the Council’s own allocation system, he acknowledged that there was some justification for change at this point in time.

He advised that no special application had been made for the Stranorlar Area and that the allocation system used in Table 2 was a blended system encompassing a roads mileage / road condition ratio.

C/233/11 VARIATION ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS
On the proposal of Clr. Harvey, seconded by Clr. Mc Gowan, it was resolved to vary the order of business and deal with Items 14 and 16 following the recess for lunch at 2.30pm.

C/234/11 ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH
Members adjourned for lunch in accordance with the resolution agreed earlier in the meeting.

C/235/11 RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM EIRGRID PLC
The Mayor welcomed Mr. Peter Graham, Lead Senior Engineer, EirGrid, Mr. Eoin Waldron, ESB Overhead Networks Engineer, Ms Ciara Feehely, Senior Communications Specialist, EirGrid and Mr. Brian Hegarty, Area Manager, ESB to the meeting.

Mr. Peter Graham and Mr. Eoin Waldron outlined for members the various aspects involved in the Donegal 110Kv Line Reinforcement comprising the Binbane to Letterkenny 110Kv line, and the Tievebrack to Ardnagappary 110kV line, Ardgappary Substation and the Tievebrack Switching Station.

It was acknowledged that many of the current problems surrounding electricity distribution and capacity would be addressed by the project.

Members were informed that 92% of the structures on the 110kV lines would be double woodpoles.

An update was also provided in relation to landowner engagement to date with members being informed that 60% of landowners along the route had been interviewed to date, with 90% of those interviewed indicating that they had already granted access to lands for construction.

With regard to the relevant stakeholders it was noted that a Public Briefing Brochure had been produced and issued to all landowners and that EirGrid was engaging with NPWS to agree Environmental protocols. Discussions it was established were ongoing with Donegal County Council in relation to the carrying out of a road condition survey.

Mr. Waldron advised that line construction was due to start between Tievebrack and Letterkenny in June 2011 and on Station construction at Tievebrack in September 2011. It was anticipated that work would be carried out by ESB Networks staff based in Donegal, with local contractors and suppliers used wherever possible.

Welcoming the comprehensive nature of the presentation, members raised a number of issues namely:-

- That local indigenous people be employed in the construction of the project where possible.
- The need for Public Information Sessions/Open Days be held in the Letterkenny and Dungloe Public Service Centres for the purpose of updating and briefing the local communities concerned.
- Query as to what steps had been taken to address the concerns of those opposed to the project, and how these landowners would be accommodated over the coming months.
- That consideration be given to burying lines in areas of high scenic amenity.
Clr Boyle outlined the necessity of exploring this option on a section of the Ardara to Ardaghey Road.
- Clarity requested in relation to private/public development and their permitted distance from overhead power lines.

Mr. Peter Graham in response advised that there were particular difficulties with underground lines. They were he stated less reliable if damaged, with considerable time and effort involved in locating and repairing faults.

Members were informed that there was a considerable amount of information relating to the project available on the EirGrid Website, and that the request for further public consultation would be taken on board.

C/236/11 MOTIONS UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

A request in the names of Clrs. Larkin, Blaney, Mc Garvey, Brogan, Mc Bride, Harvey, and Farren to have the following motion discussed as urgent business was placed before the Council:-

“That Donegal County Council write to the Minister of Education, Mr. Ruairí Quinn, to confirm that he/his department have no intention in closing/merging two teacher schools at this time or in any time into the future”.

A request in the names of Clrs. Murray, Gallagher, Canning, Farren, Ryan, and M. Doherty to have the following motion discussed as urgent business was placed before the Council:-

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It was unanimously agreed to discuss the motions at 5.45pm, 5.50pm and 5.55pm respectively.

C/237/11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Clr. Harvey, seconded by Clr. Brogan, it was resolved and unanimously agreed in accordance with Standing Order 29 to suspend Standing Order No. 3 to allow for Item 8 on the agenda to be considered beyond the normal finishing time of 6.p.m.

C/238/11 MANAGER'S REPORT

As resolved earlier in the meeting it was resolved to take the County Manager's Report at this juncture.

Members considered the report circulated during the meeting.

Clr. Gallagher took the chair for a short period in the absence of the Mayor.

Reorganisation of Council Services

Members were in agreement that further workshop(s) were required pending the implementation of the remaining elements of organisational restructuring. The necessity of keeping the public informed of the organisational changes to date was also debated.

The County Manager clarified the position in relation to a number of issues raised.

The Mayor returned to the Chair at this juncture.

C/239/11 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL €4.2 MILLION ROAD GRANT MONIES CONTINUED

Clr. Mc Guinness proposed, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, that the allocation of the additional €4.2 million road grant monies be distributed as per Table 1 in Director of Roads and Transportation's report dated 18th May, 2011.

He called for a special case to be made to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for special funding to deal with severe weather damage to roads in the Stranorlar Electoral Area.

Clr. Crawford advised that he was extremely disappointed with this proposal and asked again that clarification be sought from the Council Solicitor in relation to the validity of his motion agreed at the Council Meeting on the 26th

April, 2011, and the ensuing implications for the remainder of the term of this Council.

He acknowledged that both the Director of Roads and Transportation and the County Manager had made significant efforts to reach a compromise solution. Both he and his fellow Councillors he advised, had a duty to represent the people of the Finn Valley area. It was most unacceptable he affirmed that they would once again struggle to live under such conditions.

Clr. Mc Guinness in reply noted that roads in the Inishowen Electoral Area were equally as bad and that the monies in question had been allocated under the Programme for Government 2011 -Jobs Initiative.

Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Housing & Corporate, A/Meetings Administrator in response to a request from Clr. Crawford read into the record Minute C/152/11.

Following a number of heated exchanges and calls for a recorded vote it was resolved on the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, to adjourn the meeting for a five minute recess.

On resumption of the meeting the Mayor advised that there was a proposal to adopt the recommendations contained in Table 2 of the Director of Roads and Transportations Report dated 18th May, 2011 thus blending the road condition and mileage model together to deal on a once off basis with severe weather road damage on roads most in need.

Clr. Mc Guinness advised that there was no room for compromise and that the €4.2 million needed to be distributed on a roads mileage basis as per normal allocation criteria, given that specific monies had already been allocated to projects in the Inishowen Electoral Area.

The Meetings Administrator in response informed Members that a vote would be taken on the substantive motion as per the recommendation set out in the Director of Service's report dated 18th May, 2011 thus redistributing on a once off basis the additional allocation of €4.2 million on a combined

road condition / mileage model distribution basis, thus allowing for the application of significantly higher funding in the Stranorlar Electoral Area

A recorded vote was then taken by the Meetings Administrator resulting in 7 votes for with 17 against.

Those voting in favour included:-

Clrs. G. Crawford, M.T. Gallagher, M. Harley, C. Harvey, D. Larkin, F. McBrearty, and P. McGowan. (7)

Those voting against included:-

Clrs. D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, J. Campbell, P. Canning, M. Doherty, P. Doherty, R. Donaghey, M. Farren, M. McBride, N. McBride, B. Mc Guinness, J. Murray, S. Ó Domhnaill, J. Ryan. (17)

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

Clr. Crawford advised that while disappointed with the result he recognised the democratic nature of the process.

Calls were made for a comprehensive report to be forwarded to each TD and Senator in the County outlining the outcome of today's debate. It was also suggested that a report on the status of roads in the Finn Valley Area be forwarded to the Minister for Transport.

C/240/11 ADOPTION OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL ALLOCATION SCHEME

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

On the proposal of Clr. Larkin, seconded By Clr. N. Mc Bride, the Housing Allocation Scheme 2011 was adopted pursuant to Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.

Concern was expressed that social welfare recipients were unable to obtain loans for the purchase of Council Housing. The Director Of Housing and Corporate agreed to have the matter included in forthcoming discussions with the Minister for Housing and Planning.

- C/241/11 ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING OF LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH MARCH, 2011
On the proposal of Clr. Larkin, seconded by Clr. Brogan, it was resolved to endorse the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of Letterkenny Electoral Area Committee held on the 7th March, 2011.
- C/242/11 ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 22ND MARCH, 2011
On the proposal of Clr. Alcorn, seconded by Clr. Gallagher, it was resolved to endorse the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of Glenties Electoral Area Committee held on the 22nd March, 2011.
- C/243/11 ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING OF DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 31ST MARCH, 2011
On the proposal of Clr. Campbell, seconded by Clr. Boyle, it was resolved to endorse the Confirmed Minutes of Meeting of Donegal Electoral Area Committee held on the 31st March, 2011.
- C/244/11 TO NOTE THE CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CORPORATE POLICY GROUP HELD ON 18TH APRIL, 2011
Members noted the confirmed minutes of meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on the 18th April, 2011.
- C/245/11 AUTHORISATION OF REPRESENTATION AT A SEMINAR, MEETING OR EVENT
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 & 2010 and directives issued by the Minister in that regard, on the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Alcorn, it was resolved to authorise the attendance of members at the following conferences/events, subject to the normal procedures:-
1. Individual members not exceeding their annual budget for attendance at conferences.

2. Payment of expenses for attendance to be conditional on the member furnishing documentary evidence of attendance and complying with the legal requirements.
3. The submission of a Conference Report by any member attending a conference.
 - Elected Members Training Seminar – Renewable Energy Local Government can make a difference to be held Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th June, 2011 at the Mill Park Hotel, The Mullins, Donegal Town, Co Donegal.
 - Elected Member’s Training Seminar – Elected Member’s Responsibilities Indemnity from Liability of Decisions of the Body Corporate to be held Friday 10th to Sunday 12th June, 2011 at the Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City.
 - Dundalk Chamber of Commerce in association with Louth Economic Forum – East Coast Green Growth to be held Thursday 9th June, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co Louth.
 - Housing Practitioners’ Conference 2011 – Social Housing Reform – New Directions to be held Thursday 16th and Friday 17th June, 2011 at the Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.
 - Celtic Conferences – European Union Funding and Functions to be held Friday 17th to Sunday 19th June, 2011 at the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork.
 - Training Seminar for Councillors – Suicide “ A crisis in need of support” to be held Friday 24th and Saturday 25th June, 2011 at the City North Hotel, Gormanstown, Co Meath.

Abroad

- To approve the attendance of Clr. John Boyle as nominee of the Mayor at the 20th Anniversary celebrations of the Twinning of Ballyshannon/Donegal Town and Sene, France in Sene 30th May to 4th June, 2011.

C/246/11 TO NOTE CONFERENCE REPORTS

On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, the following Conference Reports were noted: -

Clr. Liam Blaney –

ACCC, Rural Communications Seminar held 4th and 5th March, 2010 at the Ballykisteen Hotel, Limerick Junction, Co Tipperary.

Clr. Liam Blaney –

TJK Defamation Seminar held 28th and 29th May, 2010 at the Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick.

Clr. Liam Blaney –

LAMA Local Government Efficiency and Financing held 8th and 9th October, 2010 at the Listowel Arms Hotel, Co. Kerry.

Clr. John Boyle –

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Clr. John Ryan –

Radon a Hidden Killer held 12th to 14th November, 2010 at the Manorwest Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

Clr. John Ryan –

Building Regulations Renewable Energy Requirement and Home Insurance held 17th to 19th December, 2010 at the Manorwest Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

Clr. Mickey Doherty –

Building Regulations Renewable Energy and Insurance held 17th to 19th December, 2010 at the Manorwest Hotel, Kilarney Road, Co. Kerry.

Clr. Gerry Crawford –

A.C.C. held 24th and 25th March, 2011 in Tullamore.

Clr. Terence Slowey –

Elected Members Training Planning Act 2010 held 8th April, 2011 at St Angela's College, Sligo.

Clr. Dessie Larkin –

A Greener Future and Job Creation held 27th to 29th April, 2011 in Drumshambo, Co. Leitrim.

Clr. Paul Canning –

LAMA Spring Seminar 2011 held the 29th and 30th April, 2011 in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk.

Clr. John Boyle –

LAMA Economic Revival A role for Local Government held 29th and 30th April, 2011 in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk.

Clr. Brendan Byrne –

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Clr. John Boyle –

Donegal Live held 1st May, 2011 in Glasgow.

Clr. Dessie Larkin –

Donegal Live held 22nd May, 2011 in Iveagh Gardens, Dublin.

C/247/11

MOTIONS FROM OTHER COUNCILS/BODIES

Members noted the following motions from other councils/bodies:-

MONAGHAN TOWN COUNCIL

“Iarrann an Chomhairle seo ar an Rialtas nua-tofa agus go h-áirithe ar a Taoiseach cinntiú go gcaomhnófar céad teanga oifigiúil na tíre seo agus go gcinnteoidh said starraiceacht s’aici sa chóras oideachais.”

“That this Council calls on the newly elected Government and particularly it’s Taoiseach to ensure the preservation of our first official language and promote its prominence in the education system.”

Clr. Gallagher noted that the motion had particular urgency given recent attempts to demote the Irish Language.

MONAGHAN TOWN COUNCIL

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Environment, Phil Hogan TD to address as a matter of urgency the crippling cost of rates on commercial properties.”

Clr Gallagher outlined the necessity of backing this motion given that ratepayers in Donegal faced similar difficulties.

SOUTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

“That this Council calls on the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government to stop the spending cuts to Community and Voluntary Forums and to reinstate all cuts that have taken place to date.

Furthermore that this motion be forwarded to all Local Authorities for their consideration.”

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

“I seek the support of my fellow councillors in asking that Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Finance, Mr Michael Noonan requesting that he meet with representatives of the Quinn Group at the earliest opportunity in order that they may present their proposal concerning Quinn Insurance for the safe guarding of almost 6,000 jobs for this region and the potential creation of an additional 1,800 jobs over the next 7 years.”

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

“I ask Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr Ruairi Quinn not to introduce the proposed changes to the Primary School Transport Scheme arising from the last Budget 2011. These changes will impose considerable financial hardships and inconvenience on parents and pupils living in rural areas.”

C/248/11

MAYOR’S BUSINESS

Strategic Development Fund

The Mayor informed Members that the Corporate Policy Group had discussed at length the Strategic Development Fund and in particular the issue of funding for the Buncrana to Rathmullan Ferry.

Members expressed concern that the matter had not been included on the agenda, with a number querying the implication for projects such as the Balor Theatre and Donegal Airport.

There was considerable disappointment also that the majority of Members had not been involved in the discussions at CPG level.

Clr. Brogan proposed, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, that Standing Orders be suspended to deal with this item.

Mr. Michael Heaney, Director of Community, Culture and Planning outlined the various funding initiatives available.

A protracted and heated debate ensued with Members outlining the necessity of obtaining clarity in relation to the funding criteria for the Buncrana to Rathmullan Ferry given

that the service had been scheduled to commence over the Bank Holiday Weekend.

As Members failed to reach any conclusive decision given the protracted nature of the debate, the County Manager, confirmed that every effort would be made to ensure that the the Swilly Ferry was operational at the agreed date.

Search for Missing Lifford Man.

The Mayor acknowledged the excellent work being carried out in relation to the ongoing search for missing Lifford man David Colhoun. She advised that the thoughts and prayers of the Members were with the Colhoun Family at this difficult time.

C/249/11 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

On the proposal of Clr. Larkin, seconded by Clr. Mc Gowan, it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

“That Donegal County Council write to the Minister of Education, Mr. Ruairí Quinn, to confirm that he/his department have no intention in closing/merging two teacher schools at this time or in any time into the future”.

It was requested that a copy of the motion be forwarded to the Principal of Drumsallagh National School.

On the proposal of Clr. Murray, seconded by Clr. Brogan, it was resolved to adopt the following motion subject to the inclusion of a reference to an “*Independent Public Inquiry*”:-

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Committee (to be established) and in light of the various anomalies that have risen in relation to Motor Taxation, ask Donegal County Council to consider resuming the pre-existing Motor Taxation System”.

The County Manager responding to calls for a return to the pre-existing system informed Members that the Department had issued directions to all Motor Tax Offices, re-inforcing the need to implement the new regulations and indicating that surcharging may apply where this did not happen.

C/250/11 TO APPROVE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT COUNTY DONEGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2012-2018 AND TO COMMENCE PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 – 2010

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

Mr. Eunan Quinn, A/Senior Planner informed the meeting that minor changes to the Draft Plan could be accommodated at this stage. Material Alterations he noted could now only be dealt with after the public consultation phase. The members were advised that the criteria for meeting genuine rural need remained unchanged but that ‘DED’ measurement of the local area was not part of the draft policy.

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A lengthy debate ensued and a wide range of issues were discussed including:-

- The need for Breakfast/Creche Briefings and Open Days in the Public Service Centres etc. so as to ensure that the general public were adequately briefed on the scope and wide ranging implications of the plan.
- The rural nature of the County to be taken into consideration, and recognition of the fact that Donegal was cut off historically from its natural hinterland in Northern Ireland.

- Suggestion that a special designation be afforded to Border Areas given the shared and constant interaction of services taking place on a daily basis.
- That a balanced regional approach was needed.
- Gaeltacht areas deserved special consideration.
- Necessity of having quality serviced sites to accommodate motor home development.
- Importance of including a facility to review the plan one year after adoption.
- Protection of Rural Schools and smaller Towns and Villages considered a priority.
- The need to re-examine criteria for use of jet skis at Blue Flag Beaches.
- Further consideration to be given to public liability issues particularly in relation to Roadways, Rights of Ways and Public Walkways.
- That the issue of capital funding needed to be addressed if the plan was to be successful.
- Concern that health and safety issues seemed to prohibit development in certain instances.
- The need for engagement with national, local and community organisations.
- Noted that there were problems with Housing Policy and in particular the Long Term Leasing Scheme.

A number of queries were raised and clarification sought in respect of the following: -

- The ongoing situation at Trusk Lough.
- The issue of DEDs – and clarification with regard to the issue of Urban Generated Housing.
- Whether Downings, Kerrykeel and Kilmacrennan were included under the Urban Village Renewal Programme.
- Ribbon Development Policy and Set Back Procedure- - suggestion that these required further debate.
- Whether Section 47 Agreements were warranted in light of the current economic downturn.

Members asked that they be informed of the specific timeframes involved for the overall consideration and adoption of the plan.

Clr. Gallagher proposed, seconded by Clr. Murray, that contact be made with the Minister for Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs with regard to the drawing up of an impact assessment statement for Gaeltacht communities.

On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. M. Doherty, it was resolved having considered the content of the Draft Donegal County Development Plan 2012-2018 circulated on 5th April 2011 and addendum comprising Schedules A, B, and C together with associated maps, Design Guide, Environmental Report and Schedule of RPS Structures circulated with the agenda to proceed with the publication of the Draft County Development Plan in accordance with Section 12 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2010.

The County Manager thanked Members for their contributions, together with Mr. Michael Heaney Director of Community Culture and Planning , Mr. Eunan Quinn, A/Senior Planner and all staff involved in the production of the Draft Plan.

This concluded the business of the meeting.